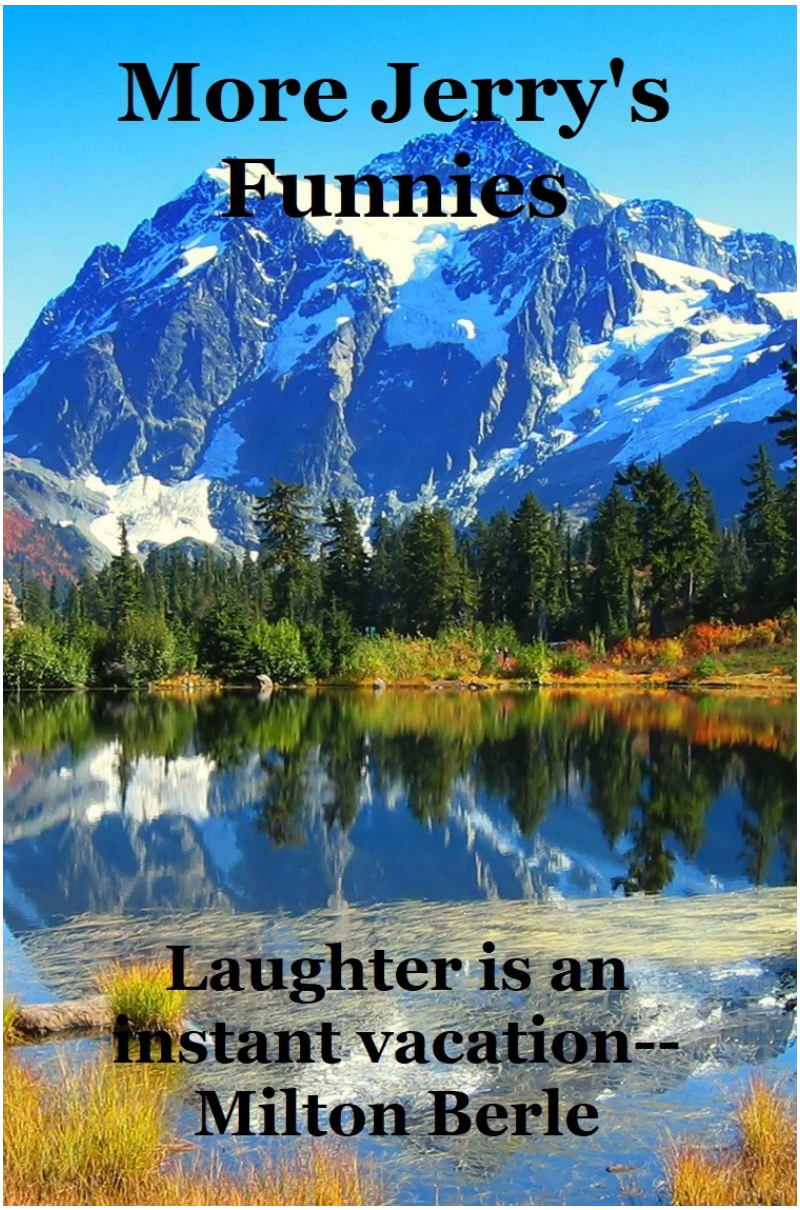


Humor from various sources collected by Jerry McCourt

My friend Garrick had the solution to forgetting his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary: He opened an account with a local florist and provided it with both dates as well as instructions to send flowers and a card signed "Your loving husband, Garrick." For a few years, it worked. Then one day, Garrick came home on their wedding anniversary. He saw the flowers on the dining room table and said, "What nice flowers. Where did you get them?"

MATCHED COUPLE

When my younger brother and his wife celebrated their first anniversary, they invited the rest of the family to join them for dinner. The conversation focused on the newlyweds and how they happened to meet. Caught up in the romance of the story, one by one the men related how we had met our wives. Eventually everyone had told his story except for my youngest brother.

All eyes were on him when he said, "Oh, Cindy and I met in college. We were matched up by a computer according to compatibility."

"That's the whole story?" my wife asked incredulously.

"Oh, no," he replied with a grin. "They've fixed the computer since then."

REFERRALS

When our local doctor began attending church services, the minister was delighted, and it wasn't long before they were helping each other in their work, the minister referring people to the doctor, and vice versa. One referral from the doctor called at the church office with a note prescribing the minister's last four sermons. The minister was most pleased until he discovered that the patient's problem was insomnia.

I was waiting at a small train station when a man put up a sign regarding my train: “30-Minute Delay.”

“What happened?” I asked.

“The train went off the rails,” he said.

“How long will that take to fix?” “Quite a few hours.”

“So why put up a sign saying it would take 30 minutes?”

“It’s the only sign we have.”

POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN JAYWALKERS—Boseman Daily Chronicle

Sometimes I’m amazed at the smart things that I say and do. Then other times I try to get out of the car with my seatbelt still on.

DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT: The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

MEL BLANC’S TOMBSTONE

Which windshield wiper blade always quits first? That's right—the driver's side. This happened to me one day while driving home in the middle of a blinding storm. Unable to see, I pulled over and tried to figure out a quick fix. I found it in a yellow cotton work glove that was lying on the floor. I wedged the cloth hand under the wiper arm. It did a great job keeping my windshield clear. Not only that— you'd be surprised at how many people waved back.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

While I was assigned to the space shuttle program, my job included ordering supplies. One of the engineers requested a new dictionary. Following regulations, I asked him why he needed it.

I expected his answer to be "My old copy is lost" or "The cover is falling off." Instead he said, "My current edition defines spaceship as an ‘imaginary aircraft.'"

He got his new dictionary.

FIRE TRAINING

When employees of the restaurant where I work attended a fire-safety seminar, we watched a fire official demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher. "Pull the pin like a hand grenade," he explained, "then depress the trigger to release the foam." Later, an employee was selected to

extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. In her nervousness, she forgot to pull the pin.

Our instructor hinted, "Like a hand grenade, remember?"

In a burst of confidence, she pulled the pin—and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.

WOMAN OF THE HOUSE TO FAMILY: I just cleaned everything from top to bottom, so now I'm going to need every to stop living here.

RED CROSS IN SEARCH OF DONORS WITH LOW BLOOD SUPPLY — Sandusky Register

BACKPACKING

After eight days of backpacking with my wife Linda, we were looking pretty scruffy. One morning she came to breakfast in a baseball cap, her shoulder length hair sticking out at odd angles.

"Terry," she said, "does my hair make me look like a water buffalo?"

I thought for a moment, then said, "If I tell you the truth, do you promise not to charge?"

I hate when I go to the kitchen looking for food and all I find are ingredients.

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

I don’t know what’s longer—a microwave minute or a treadmill minute.

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child.

If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write ‘Spaghetti’ on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. ‘Honey’, she said, ‘you received a very strange post card today’.

‘Oh, really? Let me see…’, he said. The wife gave it to him and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted. On the card was written: ‘Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Two with meatballs, one without. Send extra sauce.’

WELCOME PROMOTION

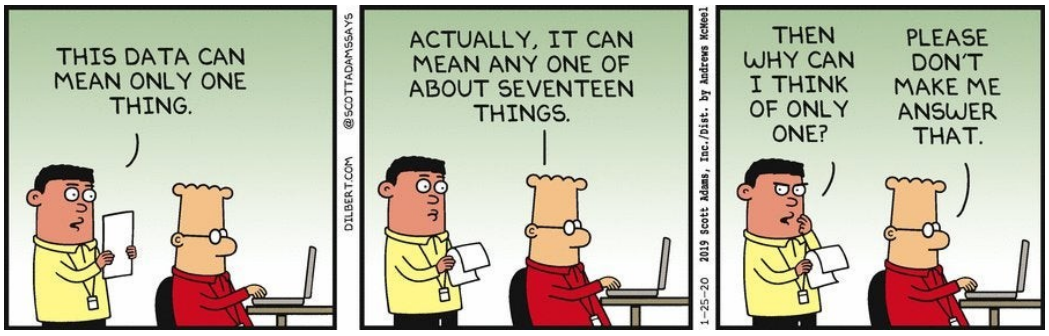
While visiting my son on his Army base, I chatted with a colleague of his.

"What rank are you?" I asked.

"I'm relieved to say that I've just been promoted from captain to major."

"Relieved? Why?"

"Because," he replied, "my last name is Hook."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MOTHERS’ LAMENTS

Every time I say, “no” my kid hears “ask again, she didn’t understand the question.”

When I say to my son, get dressed," what he hears is, "Stand around naked watching television with one sock on."

Our family motto is, "Well, that escalated quickly."

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH— Boseman Daily Chronicle

HAD TO BE THERE IN THE 60'S

A friend and I were hitchhiking, but no one would stop. "Maybe it's our long hair," I joked. With that, my friend scrawled on a piece of cardboard: "Going to the barber's." Within seconds we had our ride.

HOW ROMANTIC

Soon after our last child left home for college, my husband was resting next to me on the couch with his head in my lap. I carefully removed his glasses.

"You know, honey," I said sweetly, "without your glasses, you look like the same handsome young man I married."

"Honey," he replied with a grin, "without my glasses, you still look pretty good too!"

St. Mark's Anglican Church
"The Friendly Church"
WORSHIP SAT 5PM SUN 8:30AM & 10:30AM
ADAM & EVE
THE FIRST PEOPLE
TO NOT READ THE APPLE
TERMS & CONDITIONS

Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study.'"

My bank called because the noticed “highly suspicious activity” on my charge account. It was for a gym membership.

WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBORS Say?

When my mother did her laundry on a sunny day, she liked to hang her wash on a clothesline in the backyard. I was on the phone with her when an unexpected shower popped up. She said to me, “I have to go. It’s starting to rain, and I have to go outside and take off my clothes.”

HOUSE CLEANING

An employee went to see his supervisor. "Boss," he said, "we're doing some heavy housecleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife asked me for some help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're shorthanded," the boss replied. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thank you," said the employee. "I knew I could count on you!"

AIRPORT CHECK-IN

While waiting in line at a busy airport check-in counter, I noticed a set of rambunctious little boys in front of me. As the line inched along, their mother tried in vain to get them to calm down. Finally she reached the counter, where the ticket agent asked her, "Have any of the items you plan to take with you on this flight been out of your immediate control since your arrival at the airport?"

The young mother replied honestly, "The luggage, no; the children, yes."

THIS DOG IS TRAINED TO SNIFF OUT PEOPLE WHO TELL TOO MANY BAD DAD JOKES.

My 35-year-old son and I had just finished our meal when I realized I'd left my wallet in my truck. As I headed out the door, I told the waitress what had happened. "But don't worry," I said with a grin. "I'm leaving my son for collateral."

She looked at him. He winked at her. She turned back to me. "What else you got?"

HOW TO ANSWER THE PHONE

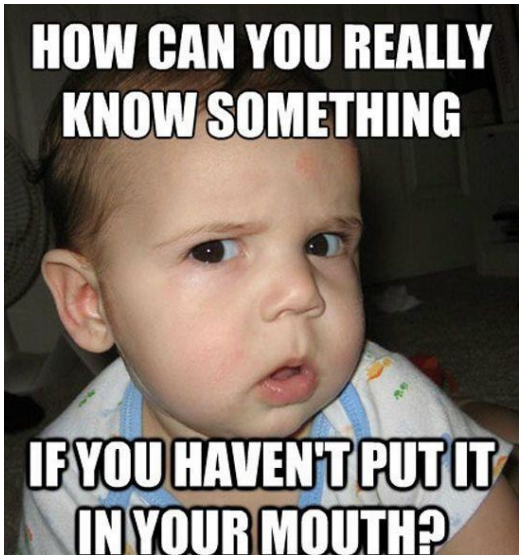
If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air!" most telemarketers will quickly hang up.

"Sherriff's Department, Fraud Division" also works.

POLICE ARREST NAKED MAN WITH CONCEALED WEAPON— MSNBC.com

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.

A military base commander called to complain that the weather-forecasting software our company created for them kept reporting unexplainable wind shifts. “Do you know where the sensor is located?” my coworker asked. “Of course,” he responded. “It’s where we park the helicopters.”



Early in the 20th century, a young reporter landed a rare interview with Baron Rothschild, one of the of richest men in the world. Halfway through the interview, young reporter asked Rothschild, “When you look back, what would you say is the main reason you were able to accumulate so much wealth?”

Rothschild paused and thought about it. Then he answered, “When I was a young boy, I was walking to school one day, when I came upon a street vendor selling apples for a nickel apiece. So I bought one. Then, later that day at school, I sold it for a dime.

“Then I realized, ‘Wow, I just doubled my money in a few hours.’ So the next day I bought two apples for a nickel apiece, and sold them the same day for a dime apiece.

“And I just kept doing that, day in and day out. And then one day my father died and left me two hundred million dollars.”

Romans didn’t find algebra very challenging because X was always 10.

My husband cooks for me like I’m a god—by placing burnt offerings before me every night.

"If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is a man on base." - Dave Barry

Sometimes honesty isn’t the best policy. A patient showed up at our medical office and asked, “You’re Mary, aren’t you?” I smiled. “No, sorry, I’m not.” “Are you sure? You look just like someone I know named Mary.” “Well, I hope she’s young and skinny.” “No,” he said, settling into his chair. “She looks like you.”

A man goes to the doctor, concerned about his wife's hearing. The doctor says, "Stand behind her and say something and tell me how close you are when she hears you." The man goes home, sees his wife in the kitchen, cutting carrots on the countertop. About 15 feet away he says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Nothing. He gets halfway to her and repeats the same question. Nothing. Very concerned, he gets right behind her and asks again "What's for dinner?" She turns around and says "For the THIRD time, beef stew!"

For a romantic touch, I washed our sheets with lavender-scented detergent. When my husband got into bed, he sniffed. "What's this?" he asked.

"Guess," I said coyly.

"I have no idea," he said. "It smells like the stuff you use to line the hamster's cage.

The graveside service had just ended when there was a frightening clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning accompanied by even louder thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and said calmly, “Well, she’s there.”

"My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'" - Paula Poundstone

We were making leaflets for a local church, and the client wanted a logo designed with Earth being shielded by the hand of God. I sent the client a proof. Shortly thereafter, I got a call.

Client: The hand looks too human. Please use a hand that looks more like God’s.

A woman and her husband stop at a dentist’s office. “I need a tooth pulled right away,” she says. “Don’t bother with the Novocain; we’re in a hurry.” “Which tooth do you want pulled?” asks the dentist. The woman shoves her husband toward the dentist. “Go ahead, dear. Show him your tooth.”

My wife and I were comparing notes the other day. "I have a higher IQ, did better on my SATs and make more money than you," she pointed out.

"Yeah, but when you step back and look at the big picture, I'm still ahead," I said.

She looked mystified. "How do you figure?"

"I married better," I replied.

Marriage is the process of finding out what kind of person your spouse would have preferred

BILL MURRAY: My dream job would be the Karma delivery service.

KARMA: Karma bus is delayed due to high demand. No worries. It’s coming.

ME: Well, well, well, if it isn’t the consequences of my own actions.

“Try an internship! Internships give you all the experience of a summer job without the hassle of a paycheck.” --*Stephen Colbert*

Two men were sitting next to each other at Murphy’s Pub in London. After a while, one bloke looks at the other and says, “I can’t help but think, from listening to you, that you’re from Ireland”

The other bloke responds proudly, “Yes, that I am!”

The first one says, “So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?”

The other bloke answers, “I’m from Dublin, I am.”

The first one responds, “So am I!”

The other bloke says, “A lovely little area it was. I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town.”

The first one says, “Faith and it’s a small world. So did I! And to what school would you have been going?”

The other bloke answers, “Well now, I went to St Mary’s, of course.”

The first one gets really excited and says, “and so did I. Tell me what year did you graduate?”

The other bloke answers, “Well, now, let’s see. I graduated in 1964.”

The first one exclaims, “The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe it, I graduated from St. Mary’s in 1964 my own self.”

About this time, Vicky walks up to the bar and sits down and orders a drink.

Brian, the barman, walks over to Vicky, shaking his head and mutters, “It’s going to be a long night tonight.”

Vicky asks, “Why do you say that, Brian?”

“The Murphy twins are drunk again.”

The worst part about working for the department of unemployment is that when you get fired, you still have to show up the next day.

WHEN MY WIFE FINDS THE RECEIPT FOR ALL THE TOOLS I JUST BOUGHT

“Now hiring,” read the classified ad. “Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment.”

Conversation between a pharmacist and a female customer:
Woman: "I need to buy some arsenic."
Pharmacist:" Why do you need arsenic?"
Woman: "I need arsenic because I want to kill my husband."
Pharmacist: "WHAT?"
Woman: "You heard me! I want to kill my husband!"
Pharmacist: "Why on earth would you want to do that?"
Woman: "Because he's having an affair with YOUR wife!!!"
Pharmacist: "Well why didn't you tell me you had a prescription?"

Kids’ toys should come with better warning labels, like “LOUD AS HELL,” and “NO OFF SWITCH,” and “REQUIRES 217 BATTERIES.” Then we could choose accordingly.

SELF-PROCLAIMED INVISIBLE MAN NO SHOW AT COURT HEARING

—*The Daily Herald* (Provo, Utah)

I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.

A couple we know were in Lamaze class, where they had an activity requiring the husband to wear a bag of sand—to give him an idea of what it feels like to be pregnant. The husband stood up and shrugged, saying, "This doesn't feel so bad."

The teacher then dropped a pen and asked him to pick it up.

"You want me to pick up the pen as if I were pregnant?" he asked.

"Exactly," replied the instructor.

To the delight of the other husbands, he turned to his wife and said, "Honey, pick up that pen for me."

I hate brushing my teeth at night because that signifies that you can’t have any more food and I’m just never ready for that kind of commitment.

Like, what if I want a snack?

My wife is so negative. I remembered the car seat, the stroller, AND the diaper bag. Yet all she can talk about is how I forgot the baby.

Do you want to embarrass a psychic? Just throw him a surprise party.

My mother was hard of hearing and wore a hearing aid that she removed at bedtime. My dad would wait till she had put it on her nightstand and say, “Do you want to go to sleep or what?” Not being able to hear, she would inevitably respond with “What?” And that, my dad joked to me on numerous occasions, is the explanation for why I come from a very large family.

I heard that a store was giving batteries for free. Just found out that the ad said only that they were free of charge.

MARRIAGE SECRET

On the phone with my mom:
Me: What’s your secret to 55 years of marriage?
Mom: We never hated each other on the same day.

When the skipper of an Icelandic trawler accidentally rammed Englishman Jim Hughes's yacht, he caused $30,000 worth of damage. Exactly a year and a day before, reported the London Times, the skipper, Eriker Olafsson, had hit the same boat, causing $40,000 in damage. What are the odds of this happening twice? Pretty good, since Olafsson purposely steered toward Hughes to apologize for the previous year's collision.

ROMANTIC OFFER

Let’s grow old together and compare medication.

BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

I was bending over to wipe up a spill on the kitchen floor when my wife walked into the room behind me. "See anything you like?" I asked suggestively

"Yeah," she said. "You doing housework."

The main function of the little toe of your foot is to make sure all the furniture in your house is in the right place.

A police officer in a small town stopped a driver speeding down the main street. The driver said he could explain why he was speeding, but the police officer said he was going to put him in jail until the Chief got back, but lucky for the driver that the chief will be in a good mood because he is at his daughter's wedding. The driver said, "Don't count on it. I'm the groom."

TRUE LOVE

It may have been the most romantic statement ever uttered in our courthouse. In between hearings, a wedding was performed. As the newlyweds left the courtroom, the bride nestled up to the groom and cooed, "Isn't it nice to be here when we're not being convicted of something?"

Soon after we were married, my husband, Paul, stopped wearing his wedding band.

"Why don't you ever wear your ring?" I asked.

"It cuts off my circulation," Paul replied.

"I know," I said. "It's supposed to."

Often I wonder what happened to people who asked me for directions.

My flight was delayed in Houston. Since the gate was needed for another flight, our aircraft was backed away from the terminal, and we were directed to a new gate. We all found the new gate, only to discover a third gate had been designated for our plane. Finally, everyone got on board the right plane, and the flight attendant announced: "We apologize for the gate change. This flight is going to Washington, D.C. If your destination is not Washington, D.C., you should deplane at this time." A moment later a red-faced pilot emerged from the cockpit, carrying his bags. "Sorry," he said, "wrong plane."

One of the most popular questions asked at our family restaurant is “What’s good tonight?” Now, we would never serve anything we didn’t think was good. So I braced myself one Saturday night when I heard the dreaded question posed to my husband. He calmly replied, “Anything over $17.95.”

BASEBALL DEFINITIONS

Right field: a quiet place where you can sit for long stretches and play with dandelions. Until suddenly you hear a clang and some shouting and immediately understand life is about to get much harder.

Shortstop: a position that involves mostly ground balls and that you think maybe you can play.

Line drive: the reason you can’t play shortstop.

A wife told her husband “After you finish watering the plants, we need to talk about something I saw on your mobile phone . . .

It has been more than 4 days that the husband is still watering the plants.

Our normally sweet Great Dane has one quirk: She hates United Parcel Service drivers. While walking her one day, we came upon a guy delivering a package. Struggling to keep hold of her, I joked, “As you can see, she just loves UPS men.” Circumnavigating us, he muttered, “Don’t you feed her anything else?”

CHIK-FAIL-A

Scene: My cousin Matt and his daughter at Chick-fil-A.

Matt: Can I please get a four-piece kids’ meal with white milk. [Pause] Oh, and gimme an extra white milk.

Clerk: Um … We only have one kind of milk, and it’s pretty white.

BEDSIDE MANNER?

I’d never had surgery, and I was nervous. “This is a very simple, noninvasive procedure,” the anesthesiologist reassured me. I felt better, until … “Heck,” he continued, “you have a better chance of dying from the anesthesia than the surgery itself.”

This man was really lonely, so he posted an ad on a popular website. The ad said, simply: "Wife wanted." He was surprised the next morning to find he had over a hundred replies in his inbox. Unfortunately, they all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

My husband is wonderful with our baby daughter, but often turns to me for advice. Recently I was in the shower when he poked his head in to ask, "What should I feed Lily for lunch?"

"That's up to you," I replied. "There's all kinds of food. Why don't you pretend I'm not home?"

A few minutes later, my cell phone rang. I answered it to hear my husband saying, "Yeah, hi, honey. Uh…what should I feed Lily for lunch?"

SNAPPY ANSWERS FROM LITTLE KIDS

After catching her five-year-old son Lucas trying to pull a fast one, his mother demanded, “Do you think I have idiot written on my forehead?” Lucas answered, “I don’t know. I can’t read.”

"A woman is like a tea bag: You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." —Eleanor Roosevelt

My grandfather told me that he saw the Titanic, and that from the beginning he warned all the people that the ship would sink, but nobody listened to him.

He was a brave man. He did not give up. He warned them again and again on several occasions . . . until they kicked him out of the theater.

My bank called because they noticed “highly suspicious activity” on my charge account.

Turned out it was for a gym membership.

USUAL SUSPICIONS

After Adam stayed out late a few nights, Eve became suspicious. "You’re running around with another woman—admit it!" she demanded.

"What other woman?" Adam shot back. "You’re it!"

That night, Adam was fast asleep when he was awakened by Eve poking him in the chest.

"What are you doing?"

"Counting your ribs."

THE DOG IS DIGGING IN THE YARD AGAIN

About two o'clock one summer morning, my friend and her husband, who likes to sleep in his birthday suit, were awakened by a thunderstorm. They both dashed from the bed and began shutting windows. When her husband got downstairs, he realized the umbrella on the patio table had been left open and gusts of wind were causing the table to teeter precariously near the glass doors. He figured it would take only a moment to run out and take the umbrella down, so he did not waste time fetching a robe. Once on the patio, however, he found the wind was stronger than he expected. Before he could close the umbrella, the wind lifted the shaft from the table and pulled it and him out into the yard. As he grappled with the umbrella, several flashes of lightning lit up the yard like a Broadway stage. Finally, he accomplished his mission and went back into the house, much to the relief of his wife, who had witnessed the entire episode. They had no sooner settled in bed than the phone rang. It was their neighbor, who said, "We just wanted to let Mary Poppins know how much we enjoyed the show."

If a man opens the car door for his wife, you can be sure of one thing — either the car is new or the wife is.

After I-messaging back and forth with my wife, I jokingly commanded Siri to pass along this message: "You need to get back to work now; you have a husband to support." Here's what Siri sent: "You need to get back to work now; you have a has-been to support."

DEFINITION:

Shin–bone/noun/: a device used to find furniture in the dark.

Ah, marriage. I was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring my reflection, when I posed this question to my wife of 30 years: “Will you still love me when I’m old, fat, and balding?” She answered, “I do.”

COPING WITH AN OLD MEMORY

I asked my grandpa, “After 65 years, you still call grandma ‘Darling,’ ‘Beautiful’ and ‘Honey.’ What’s the secret?”

He said, “I forgot her name 5 years ago and I’m scared to ask her.”

My friend’s husband is always telling her that housekeeping would be a snap if only she would organize her time better. Recently he had a chance to put his theory into practice while his wife was away.

When I popped in one evening to see how he was managing, he crowed, "I made a cake, frosted it, washed the kitchen windows, cleaned all the cupboards, scrubbed the kitchen floor, walls and ceiling and even had a bath."

I was about to concede that perhaps he was a better manager than his wife, when he added sheepishly, "When I was making the chocolate frosting,

I forgot to turn off the mixer before taking the beaters out of the bowl, so I had to do all the rest."

FORGOT WHICH STICK YOU THREW SO I GRABBED THEM ALL.

One of my customers at the department of motor vehicles wanted a personalized license plate with his wedding anniversary on it. As we completed the paperwork he explained, "This way I can't forget the date." A few hours later, I recognized the same young man waiting in my line. When his turn came, he said somewhat sheepishly, "I need to change the numbers on that plate application."

LOCAL CUISINE

On a trip to Sweden, I asked a few people where I could find some good local cuisine. “This is a pretty cosmopolitan city, so you can find just about any kind of international food that you’d like,” said one man. “But if you want truly local cuisine, get the meatballs at IKEA.”

You know you’re a bad driver when Siri says, “In 400 feet stop and let me out.”

NOT A GOOD VALENTINES DAY OPENING

“Honey, I still love you even with all your faults.”

PICK A HUSBAND, ANY HUSBAND

As the hostess at the casino buffet showed me to my table, I asked her to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joining me momentarily. I started to describe him: “He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a potbelly ...”

She stopped me there. “Honey,” she said, “today is senior day. They all look like that.”

YOU NEVER REALIZE HOW LITTLE SELF CONTROL YOU ACTUALLY HAVE
UNTIL CHIPS AND SALSA ARE IN FRONT OF YOU AT THE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

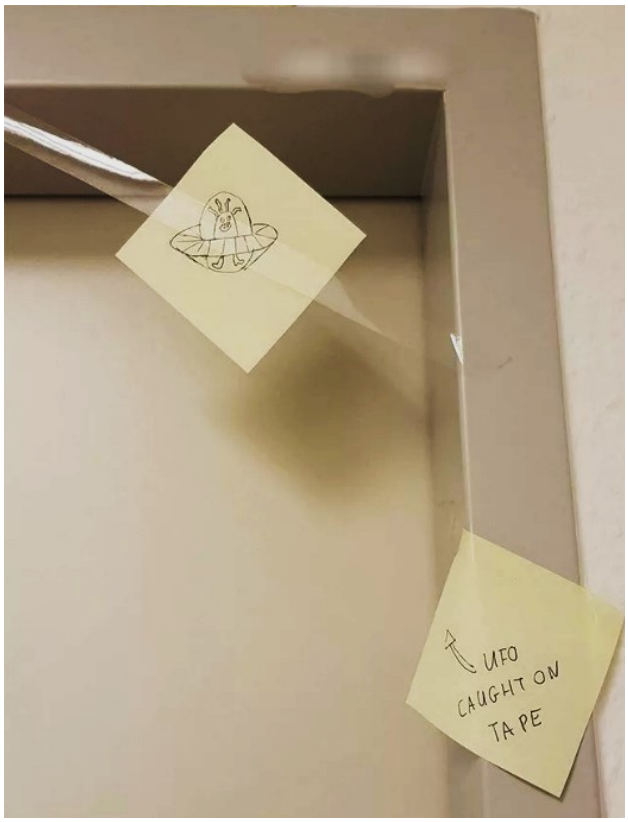
My wife and I run a small restaurant where we often name our specials after our employees—dishes like "Chicken Mickey," after our dishwasher who gave us the recipe, and "Rod's Ribs," after a waiter who had his personal style of barbecue. One evening after rereading the menu, I broke with this tradition and changed the description of the special we had named after our chef. Despite her skills and excellent reputation, somehow I didn't think an entrée named "Salmon Ella" would go over big with our customers.

One day I’ll be thankful that my kid is strong willed, but that will not be today, not in this grocery store.

As I entered the elevator at our hospital, a disheveled-looking man rushed in behind me carrying a ceramic blue baby bootie filled with carnations. I smiled knowingly and asked, “Does he look like you?”

“I hope not,” he said. “I just deliver flowers.”

If you feel like throwing up your hands in the air like you really don’t care, first put down your coffee cup.



COLLEGE DEGREE ADVICE

Choose a major you love and you’ll never work a day in your life because that field probably isn’t hiring.

The speaker at my bank's drive-through window had been broken for weeks, and we tellers had to resort to miming or writing notes to communicate with our frustrated customers. One day a sweet elderly lady whom I would see every week pulled up to the window, leaned out of her car and smacked the glass in front of my face. "Hope this is bulletproof," she yelled.

There had just been a robbery at another bank nearby, so I was touched by her concern. "It is," I yelled back.

"Good," she continued, "because someone is going to shoot you if you don't get that speaker fixed."

WHY PHILOSOPHY IS DIFFICULT

Our professor had run through some of philosophy's heaviest hitters: Xenophanes, Anaxagoras, Descartes, Schleiermacher, and Nietzsche. He had just started in on Pierre Teilhard de Chardin when a voice begged, "Did anyone named Smith ever write anything?"

If you are wondering about my culinary skills, for family gatherings I've been asked to bring paper towels. But I could, instead, bring my famous bad of ice.

DEFINITION:

PATIENCE: What you have when there are too many witnesses present.

Security and peace of mind were part of the reason we moved to a gated community. Both flew out the window the night I called a local pizza shop for a delivery. "I'd like to order a large pepperoni, please," I said, then gave him the address of our condominium.

"We'll be there in about half an hour," the kid at the other end replied. "Your gate code is still 1238, right?"

Driving across the country, my husband and I were admiring one beautiful old Southern town while stopped at a red light. We sat there

taking in the elegant storefronts, the beautiful trees and other sights, not noticing that the light had turned green and back to red again. It was then that a police officer walked up to the car and tapped on my husband's window. "That's all the colors we got here," he drawled.

Can we take some time to find out what other foods explode into something tasty or are we just stopping at corn?

I PROVIDE FOR ALL MY PETS

MUSIC FOR THE BORED

I was delighted to discover that I could play compact discs in the new computer my company had given me. One morning I was enjoying one of my favorite Beethoven pieces when an administrative assistant stopped by to deliver a stack of papers. Hearing classical music filling the air, she stopped and exclaimed, "Poor you. They put you on hold?"

Did you have the feeling of *deja vu*?
Didn’t you just ask me that?

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?”

To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?”

He smiled knowingly and nodded, “That's why we ask.”

SPOTTED ON A BILLBOARD AD A LAW OFFICE

“Just because you did it doesn’t mean you’re guilty.”

Motherhood is like a fairy tale, but in reverse. You start out in a beautiful ball gown and end up in stained rags cleaning up after little people.

When I was a rookie police officer, I was flustered by citizens who got upset if I gave them a traffic ticket. They would accuse me of trying to complete my quota for the month. Then a veteran officer gave me some useful advice. The next motorist I stopped sarcastically commented, "I guess this will help you reach your quota." I smiled and, repeating my mentor's words, replied, "No, sir, they took our quota away. Now we can write as many as we want."

When my wife had to rush to the hospital unexpectedly, she asked me to bring her a few items from home. One item on the list was "comfortable underwear."

Worried I'd make the wrong choice, I asked, "How will I know which ones to pick?"

"Hold them up and imagine them on me," she said. "If you smile, put them back."

JOB INTERVIEW

INTERVIEWER: Tell me about yourself.

ME: I’d rather not. I really need this job.

As a freelance secretary, I type story manuscripts. When an author pays me, I print the name of the story across the top of his check. Once when I took a check to the bank, the teller suddenly froze. Only after I had explained my procedure to a bank officer did the reason for the teller's reaction become clear. The story was called "Your Money or Your Life," and that, of course, was what I had written in bold letters across the top of the check.

Son: What's the difference between love and marriage? Father: Love is blind. Marriage is an eye opener. OR

Son: Dad, I’ve heard that in some parts of the world a man doesn’t know his wife until he marries her. Father: Son, that's true everywhere.

My kids can never make fun of me for teaching me how to use my phone. I taught them how to use a spoon.

DIET ADVICE

I have no idea what oxidants are, but I know that we're supposed to be against them.

Can we find out what other foods are tasty when they explode or are we stopping at just corn.

Today is the best day to start my diet unless pizza still exists.

My gunnery sergeant and I were inspecting a Marine training exercise when we spotted a second lieutenant ambling about. "Where is your foxhole, Lieutenant?" I asked.

He snapped off a salute and responded, "I don't know, sir!"

Turning to the sergeant, he asked, "Gunnery, where is my foxhole?"

"You're standing in it, sir," said the sergeant. "All you have to do is remove the dirt."

RUBBED THE WRONG WAY

I was halfway through a meeting with a photocopy salesman, when he suddenly mentioned his wife and children, and how contented he was. I was puzzled, but let him continue. It was only when I glanced down that I understood his reason for imparting this personal information: The table leg against which I had been rubbing my itchy foot wasn't a table leg at all!

DEFINITION

BANK: A place that will loan you money as long as you can prove you don't need it.

PLEASE BE SAFE.
Do not stand, sit, climb or
lean on fences.
If you fall, animals could eat you
and that might make them sick.
Thank you.

KILLER WEEKEND

Headline from the *Times Herald-Record* (Newburgh, New York): West Point Cadets Train for Life in Iraq with Weekend in N.J.

I’m having trouble completing my thoughts today. Sometimes they show up with such great promise and then just

Morris Schwartz is dying and is on his deathbed. He is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter, and 2 sons, and knows the end is near. So he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses. Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza. Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown."

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Morris slips away, she says to the wife, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated so much property."

Sarah replies, "Property shmoperty...the schmuck had a newspaper route."

I’m at that age where my mind still thinks I’m 29, my humor suggests I’m 12 while my body mostly keeps asking if I’m sure I’m not dead yet.

“So I stepped away for a few seconds. . .”—the beginning of every parenting horror story.

When I told my high school counsellor my career plans, he said, “Go for broke!”

Didn’t take long to succeed.

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, “Who are these people?” The pastor said, “Those are members from our church who died in service.” The boy asked, “The early service or the second service?”

My father is a skilled CPA who is not great at self-promotion. So when an advertising salesman offered to put my father's business placard in the shopping carts of a supermarket, my dad jumped at the chance. Fully a year went by before we got a call that could be traced to those placards. "Richard Larson, CPA?" the caller asked. "That's right," my father answered. "May I help you?" "Yes," the voice said. "One of your shopping carts is in my yard and I want you to come and get it."

Good moms let their kids lick the beaters. Great moms turn them off first.

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly I remembered a tall, handsome dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with a deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

“Yes. Yes, I did. I’m a Mustang,” he beamed with pride.

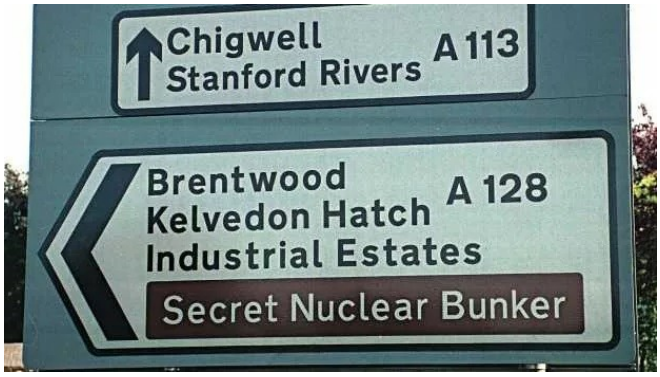
“When did you graduate?” I asked.

He answered, “In 1969. Why do you ask?”

“You were in my class!” I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, “What did you teach?”

A woman went into my father’s insurance office with her newborn twins. Dad asked her if she’d ever had any trouble telling them apart. She gave him an odd look and said, “No, I haven’t had any problem. This is Benjamin, and this is Elizabeth.”



On the first night of their honeymoon, the husband isn't sure how to tell his bride about his stinky feet and smelly socks, while the wife is wondering how to break the news to him about her awful breath, which so far, she's been able to cover up. After some soul-searching, the husband gathers his nerve and says, "I have a confession." She draws closer, peers into his eyes, and says, "Darling, so do I." Recoiling, he says, "Don't tell me—you've eaten my socks."

During graduate school, I tutored a football player in Psychology 101. After the session, my supervising professor asked me if I was interested in the student, since he was a good-looking athlete. "No, I'm not," I assured him. "Yeah, you probably prefer men who eat quiche," he joked. "Actually, I prefer men who can spell quiche."

A 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying.

The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried giving her some warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen and remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas…

She opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, the nun held the glass to her lips.

Mother drank a little…. Then a little more. Before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in bed and whispered, "Don't sell that cow!

Saying "Have a nice day" sounds friendly, but saying "Enjoy your next 24 hours" sounds threatening.

A RISK FOR ALL SEASONS

My mother was rushed to the hospital following a serious tumble. There the staff placed a band around her wrist with large letters warning: Fall Risk. Unimpressed, Mom said to me, "I'll have them know I'm a winter, spring, and summer risk too."

CLASSIFIED AD

"Now hiring. Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment."

“When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.”—Erma Bombeck

CONFESSIONS OF A STORE SANTA

While I was working as a store Santa, a boy asked me for an electric train set. “If you get your train,” I told him, “your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that all right?” The boy became very quiet. So, moving the conversation along, I asked, “What else would you like Santa to bring you?”

He promptly replied, “Another train.”

Chutzpah is a Yiddish word meaning having gall...brazen nerve...effrontery...sheer guts...plus arrogance; it's Yiddish and, as Leo Rosten writes, no other word, and no other language, can do it justice.

A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for a dollar each. Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunch time and as he passed the pretzel stand, he would leave her a dollar, but never take a pretzel. This offering went on for more than three years. The two of them never spoke. One day as the young man passed the old lady's stand and left his dollar as usual, the pretzel lady spoke to him for the first time in over three years. Without blinking an eye she said: "They're a dollar and a quarter now."

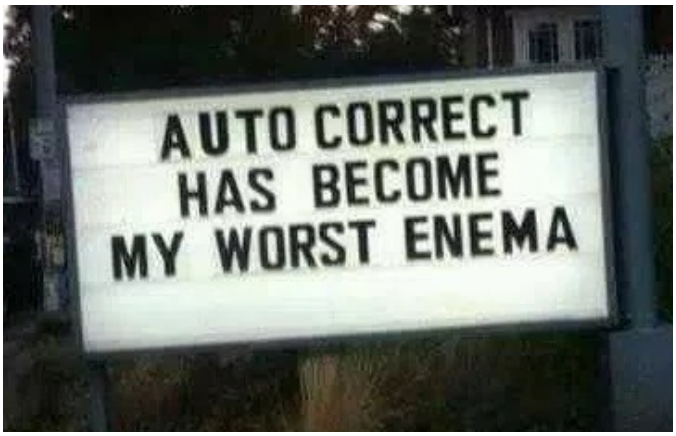
BARKING MAD

My niece was dragged into court by a neighbor who complained about her barking dogs. At one point, the judge asked the neighbor a question. The neighbor didn't reply. "Sir, are you going to answer me?"

The neighbor leaped to his feet. "Are you talking to me?" he asked. "Sorry; I can't hear a darn thing." The case was dismissed.

CAPTIVE AT THE DENTIST

After cleaning my five-year-old patient's teeth, I accompanied him to the reception area, only to see him struggle with the oak door. "It's heavy, isn't it?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "Is that so children can't escape?"



DEFINITION: Latte (n) Italian for "you paid too much for that coffee."

"I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her."—Rodney Dangerfield

THE OY OF GIVING

A mother gave her grown son two sweaters for Hanukkah. The next time he visited, he made sure to wear one. As he entered her home, instead of the expected smile, she frowned. "What's the matter?" she asked. "You didn't like the other one?"

A recently deceased man finds himself at the gates of Heaven and tries to walk in. St. Peter stops him, and asks what he wants. "I'd like to get in," the man replies.

St. Peter tells him that before he can enter, he has to answer a series of questions about what kind of life he's led. The man agrees. St. Peter asks him how he treated his family while he was alive. "Not very well, I guess," the man says. "I never paid much attention to them." St. Peter then asks the man how often he went to church. "Um, never," the man replies. Then St. Peter asks him if he ever did any community service or volunteer work. "Nope, never," the man says.

Exasperated, St. Peter asks the man if he ever did anything good in his life. "Well, there was that woman I saved from the biker," the man says. St. Peter asks him to elaborate.

"Well, I was driving down the road one day, and I saw this big, scary biker trying to attack a woman by the side of the road. So I stopped my car, walked up to the man and tried to get him to leave the woman alone, but he paid no attention to me. So I walked over to the man's Harley-Davidson, and tipped it right on its side. The man promptly let go of the woman and ran to his bike, at which point I punched him right in the nose. The woman got away safely."

"Wow, that is an impressive story and a very good deed," St. Peter tells the man. "When did this happen?"

"About 15 minutes ago," the man replies.

SCHOOL EMAIL: “You are required to have your camera ON AT ALL TIMES during remote learning.”

SCHOOL EMAIL (after 2 weeks of seeing countless half naked toddlers and husbands in the background): “You are now required to keep your camera OFF AT ALL TIMES during remote learning”

HOW DO MATHEMATICIANS SCOLD THEIR CHILDREN?

“If I’ve told youN times, I’ve told you N+1 times…”

I was taking a shower when my 2-year-old son came into the bathroom and wrapped himself in toilet paper. Although he made a mess, he looked adorable, I ran for my camera and took a few shots. They came out so well that I had copies made and included one with each of our Christmas cards.

Days later, a relative called about the picture, laughing hysterically and suggesting I take a closer look.

Puzzled, I stared at the photo and was shocked to discover that in addition to my son, I had captured my reflection in the mirror--wearing nothing but a camera!

My friend John and I, determined to see the world, signed on a Norwegian freighter as deckhands. We were being trained as helmsmen, and John's first lesson was given by the mate, a seasoned but gentle white-haired seafarer. John was holding the heading he had been given, when the mate ordered, "Come starboard." Pleased at knowing immediately which way starboard was, John left the helm and walked over to his instructor. The mate had an incredulous look on his face as the helm swung freely, but he merely asked politely, "Could you bring the ship with you?"

POOR NURSES

How many nurses does it take to change a light bulb? Only one. But she needs a doctor’s order. And she’s not allowed to diagnose that the light bulb is out and needs to be changed. She can only notify the doctor that there is no light being emitted by the light bulb and wait for further instructions.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

SPELLING BEE

Kathryn's 5-year-old developed a strong interest in spelling once she learned to spell STOP. After that, she tried to figure out her own words. From the back seat of the car she'd ask, "Mom, what does FGRPL spell?"

"Nothing," Kathryn said.

Sitting at breakfast she'd suddenly ask, "Mom, what does DOEB spell?"

"Nothing," Kathryn answered.

This went on for several weeks. Then one afternoon as they sat coloring in her room she asked, "Mom, what does LMDZ spell?"

Kathryn smiled at her and said, "Nothing, sweetheart."

The 5-year-old carefully set down her crayon, sighed and said, "Boy, there sure are a lot of ways to spell Nothing!"

Little League is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets. —Yogi Berra, Yankees Catcher

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

You want proof baseball players are smarter than football players? How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field? —Jim Bouton, Yankees Pitcher

NARY A ONE

The cowboy was trying to buy a health insurance policy. The insurance agent was going down the list of standard questions.

"Ever have an accident?"

“Nope, nary a one."

"None? You've never had any accidents."

"Nope. Ain't never had one. Never."

"Well, you said on this form you were bit by a snake once. Wouldn't you consider that an accident?"

"Heck, no. That dang varmint bit me on purpose."

To make a long story short, don't tell it.

911 CALL

CALLER: There is a shark in the ocean.

RESPONDER: Yes, ma’am, that is where we keep them.

FLIRTING?

During a conference, I was pleasantly surprised to be seated next to a very handsome man. We flirted casually through dinner, then grew restless as the dignitaries gave speeches. During one particularly long-winded lecture, my new friend drew a # sign on a cocktail napkin. Elated, I wrote down my phone number. Looking startled for a moment, he drew another # sign, this time adding an X to the upper-left-hand corner.

LEAVE IT TO ME

A man went to his lawyer and said, "I would like to make a will but I don't know exactly how to go about it."

The lawyer says, "Don't worry. Leave it all to me."

The man, looking somewhat upset said, "Well I knew you were going to take the biggest slice, but I'd like to leave a little to my children too!"

Quit griping about your church; if everyone there were perfect, you couldn't belong.

“My doctor told me that running could add years to my life. I think he was right. I feel ten years older already.” – Milton Berle

My first day on the job at an IKEA store, I was told by my boss that employees needed to go to the meeting room before every shift. I asked why. He said, “Assembly required.”

UNCLEAR INSTRUCTIONS

My two-year-old cousin scared us one summer by disappearing during our lakeside vacation. More than a dozen relatives searched the forest and shoreline, and everyone was relieved when we found Matthew playing calmly in the woods. "Listen to me, Matthew," his mother said sharply. "From now on when you want to go someplace, you tell Mommy first, okay?" Matthew thought about that for a moment and said, "Okay. Disney World."

DRESS TO EXPRESS?

First baby: You start wearing maternity clothes as soon as the test is positive. Second baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible. Third baby: Your maternity clothes are your regular clothes.

THE PERKS OF BEING ROUND

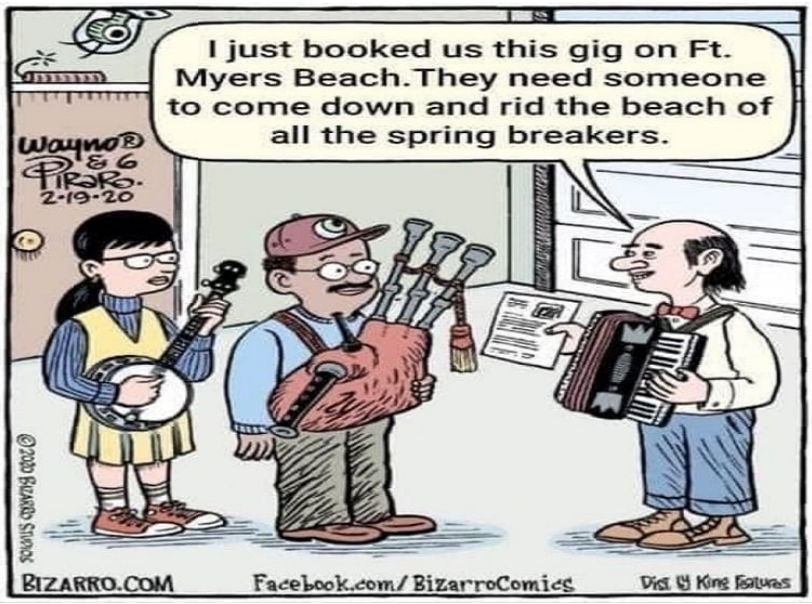
During a Pilates class, our thin teacher apologized to one of her larger students for blocking her view of herself in the mirror. “Don’t worry,” the woman said. “I can see myself on either side of you.”

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

TO GET OFF THE GROUND

During a recent business trip to Boeing's factory in Everett, Washington, I noticed several 747 and 777 airliners being assembled. Before the engines were installed, huge weights were hung from the wings to keep the planes balanced. The solid-steel weights were bright yellow and marked, "14,000 lbs."

But what I found particularly interesting was some stenciling I discovered on the side of each weight. Imprinted there was the warning: "Remove before flight."


I just booked us this gig on Ft. Myers Beach.They need someone to come down and rid the beach of all the spring breakers.
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Doctor: Hi, my name is Juan and I'll be delivering your baby today.
Husband: O.B. Juan, you're our only hope!
Wife: Leave the father's name off the birth certificate.

A man's bragging about his promotion to vice president got so out of hand even his wife was annoyed. "Look, being a vice president isn't that special," she said. "They even have a vice president of peas at the supermarket!"

Not believing her for one second, the man called the supermarket and demanded, "Get me the vice president of peas!"

The clerk replied, “Fresh, canned, or frozen?”

If really good-looking people are “eye candy,” I’m in the category of “eye broccoli.”

When I announced that I was getting married, my excited mother said, “You have to have the rehearsal dinner someplace opulent, where there’s dancing.” My father, seeing where this was heading, said, “I’ll pay you a thousand dollars to elope.” “And you have to have a breakfast, for the people who are coming from out of town.” “Two thousand.” “We’ll need a photographer. Oh, and what colors do you want for the reception?” “Five thousand!” We eloped to Spain.

NEARLY PERFECT CRIME

A man in Auburn, California, was arrested and charged with burglary, forgery, and passing bad checks after purchasing $267 worth of supplies at an office supply store. The man had done a great job printing the bogus checks, complete with false bank account numbers that could successfully be scanned through any store's "check identification" system. Where did he go wrong you ask? For some insane reason, the man had printed his full name and address on each check.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

MORAL DILEMMA

You're driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass a bus stop and see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old woman, who looks as if she's about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The man / woman of your dreams.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing there could only be one passenger in your car?

Think before you continue reading.

This is a moral / ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

You could pick up the old woman because she is going to die; thus you should save her first.

Or, you could pick up the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him / her back.

However, you may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer.

WHAT DID HE SAY?

He simply answered: "I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the old woman the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams."

Never forget to think outside the box!

During a lesson about adjectives, my friend, an elementary school teacher, asked her class to describe their mothers. One boy described his mother's hair as auburn.

Impressed by his sophisticated word choice, my friend asked, "How do you know her hair color is auburn?"

Her student replied, "Because that's what it says on the box."

HEADLINE

“Missing Woman Unwittingly Joins Search Party Looking for Herself”

ADVERTISING TERMS EXPLAINED

ALL NEW - Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.
ADVANCED DESIGN - The advertising agency doesn't understand it.
FIELD TESTED - Manufacturer lacks test equipment.
REDESIGNED - Previous flaws fixed - we hope.
YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT - We finally got one to work.
MAINTENANCE FREE - Impossible to fix.
MEETS ALL STANDARDS - Ours, not yours.
HIGH RELIABILITY - We made it work long enough to ship it.

“RECYCLING IS A LIBERAL MEDIA MYTH. JUST PUT EVERYTHING IN THE TRASH. TRUST ME.”

Whatever you do, always give 100%--unless you’re donating blood. —Bill Murray

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her pupils put on his boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling, and him pushing, the little boots still didn’t want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said,

“Teacher, they’re on the wrong feet.”

She looked, and sure enough, they were. Unfortunately, it wasn’t any easier pulling the boots off, than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet.

He then announced, “These aren’t my boots.”

She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, “Why didn’t you say so?” like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner had they got the boots off when he said, “They’re my brother’s boots. But my mom made me wear ’em today.”

Now she didn’t know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots BACK onto his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, “Now, where are your mittens?”

He said, “I stuffed ’em in the toes of my boots.”

She’ll be eligible for parole in three years.

“You know you’ve reached middle age when you’re cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police.”—Joan Rivers

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

Little Johnny was thrilled when his turn came to enter kindergarten. To make sure he had plenty of time to eat breakfast and get ready on the first day, his mother woke everybody up early -- so early that it was still dark.

After looking outside Little Johnny went down the hall and found his mother dressing in the bedroom. He looked so troubled that his mother asked, "What's wrong?" Mustering as much cheerfulness into her voice as she could at that hour. "This is your big day!"

Little Johnny blurted, "You didn't tell me I was going to night school."

SALES SAVVY

As I shopped, the following announcement came over the department store's PA system: "If someone here has a convertible with the top down, it just started raining. Towels are located in aisle five."

VITAL SIGNS

She's only in her 40s, but my friend Mary has bounced back from cancer, heart problems, even a stroke. Through it all, she and her husband, Mark, have kept their sense of humor. One day she said, "You know what kills me ... ?" Smiling, Mark teased, "Apparently nothing."

GUIDED TOUR

A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a creepy old European castle. At the end of the tour the guide asks her how she enjoyed it. She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark cobwebby rooms and passages.

"Don't worry," says the guide. "I've never seen a ghost all the time I've been here"

"How long is that?" asks the girl.

"About three hundred years..."

The hardest part of parenting is trying to fake being mad when you kid does something bad but hilarious.

DENOMINATIONS PLEASE

Mary goes to the post office to buy 50 stamps for her Hanukkah cards. “What denomination?” asks the postal clerk.

Mary thinks a second before replying, “Give me six Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform.”

NEW HOUSE

Little Jimmy: "So your family got a new house! How do you like it?"

Little Johnny: "It's terrific! I have my own room, Billy has his own room, and Jenny has her own room. But poor Mom is still in with Dad."

RIGHT ANSWER

Jack wakes up with a horrible hangover and a throbbing black eye. The first thing he sees is a single rose on the side table and a note from his wife: “Dear, breakfast is made. I’ve gone shopping to make you your favorite dinner tonight. I love you!”

He stumbles to the kitchen and, sure enough, there’s breakfast. “Joe,” he says to his son, “what happened last night?”

“You came home super drunk and got that black eye tripping over a chair.”

“So, why the rose, breakfast, and sweet note from your mother?”

“Oh, that. Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take off your clothes, you screamed, ‘Leave me alone, I’m married!’”

REAL BEER

There's a big conference of beer producers in the most beautiful town in the world: Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

At the end of the day, all of the presidents of all beer companies decide to have a drink in a bar. The president of 'Budweiser' orders a Bud, the president of 'Miller' orders a Miller Lite, Adolph Coors orders a Coors, and the list goes on.

Then the waitress asks Arthur Guinness what he wants to drink, and much to everybody's amazement, Mr. Guinness orders a Coke! "Why don't you order a Guinness?" his colleagues ask.

"Naah. If you guys won't drink beer, then neither will I."

UNFORTUNATE ABBREVIATION

This is that difficult point at which I don't know whether I have free time or I just forgot all the things I need to do.

JUST TWO PARACHUTES

A lawyer, a priest, and a young boy were in a plane that was going to crash, yet they only had 2 parachutes. The lawyer proclaimed that since he was the smartest man on the plane, that he deserved to survive. He took a chute and jumped.

The priest looked and the young boy, and reflecting back on his life, told the young boy to take the last parachute since he had already lived a wonderful and full life.

The boy replied, "You can have the other chute because the smartest man on this plane just jumped out with my book bag!"

Here's all you have to know about men and women: Women are crazy; men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is that men are stupid."—George Carlin

One Saturday night my boss and her family came to our house to play cards. As they were driving away at the end of the evening, I discovered that she had left her purse in a corner next to the dining-room hutch. I was about to call her house, intending to leave a message on the answering machine, when my son reminded me that they had a cell phone. As I dialed the number, I marveled at the technology that would alert them before they had driven all the way home. A few seconds later the purse began to ring.

TRUST

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying "Free to good home, you want it -- you take it."

For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal - looks too good to be true - so he changed the sign to read "Fridge for sale $50."

The next day someone stole it.

I have a pre-existing condition that prevents me from going on a diet—hunger.

BOSOM BUDDIES

My friend at the singles club was blithely chatting away, oblivious to the fact that her name tag had slipped down over her breast. I asked another friend if I should say something to her. “Like what?” she asked. “What did she name the other one?”

GPS PREDICTION

I felt uneasy driving into the cemetery for the service for a departed friend. My GPS informed me, “You have reached your final destination.”

SNOW WARNING

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the intercom: "Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing."

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: "Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 26 cars please return to class."

An elderly couple was flying to Hawaii for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system, the captain announces, “Ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives.”

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later, the husband turns to his wife and asks, “Honey, did we pay the car bill this month?”

“No, sweetheart,” she responds.

Still shaken from the crash landing, he then asks, “Did we pay our credit card bill yet?”

“Oh no! I’m sorry. I forgot to send the check,” she says.

“One last thing, did you remember to pay the medical bill for the hospital visit last month?” he asks.

“Oh, forgive me, sweetheart,” begged the wife. “I didn’t send that one, either.”

The husband grabs her and gives her the biggest hug in 50 years. She pulls away and asks him, “What was the hug for?”

The husband answers, “They’ll find us!”

FALL OUT DUMMIES

As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, "All right! All you dummies fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention.

The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

As you get older, three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can’t remember the other two.”—Sir Norman Wisdom

I was working in Army security when a VIP from another base called to ask to whom he should address an important letter. Knowing my tough-to-spell last name would give him fits, I said, “Just put down Sergeant Gary, as my last name is too hard.” The next day, I received a letter addressed to Sgt. Gary Toohard.

COMBAT FOR DUMMIES

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." --U.S. Marine Corp

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." --Infantry Journal

"A slipping gear could let your m203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what's left of your unit." --Army's magazine of prevention maintenance

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed." --U.S.--Air Force manual

"Try to look unimportant; the enemy may be low on ammo." --Infantry Journal

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." --USAF Ammo Troop

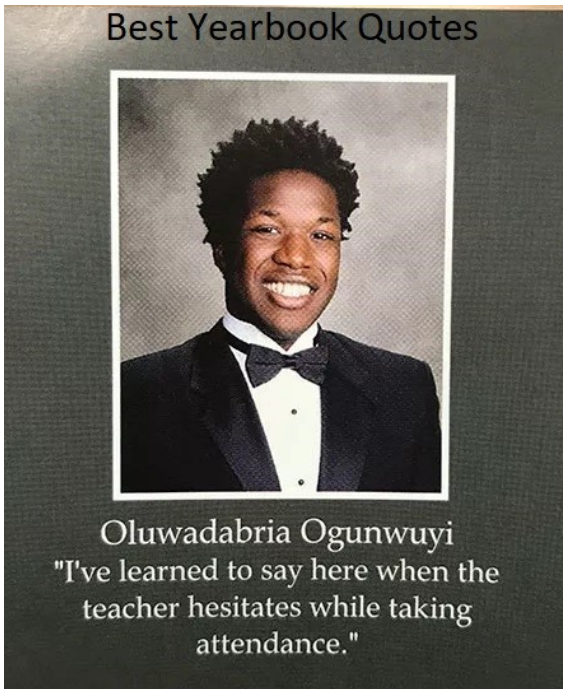
"Tracers work both ways." --U.S. Army Ordnance

"Five-second fuses only last three seconds." --Infantry Journal

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush." --Infantry Journal

"Any ship can be a minesweeper....once." –Anon

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him." --USAF Ammo Troop


Best Yearbook Quotes
Oluwadabria Ogunwuyi
"I've learned to say here when the teacher hesitates while taking attendance."

My client buys many rental properties, not always with the enthusiastic support of his wife. Recently, I was showing him a home when his wife called. I could hear her ask what he was doing. “The real estate agent and I are having an affair,” he answered. “Oh, thank God,” she said. “I thought she was selling you another house.”

DEFINITION OF TRUE HOSPITALITY

Making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

NOT MUCH OF A MAN

A grizzled old man was eating in a truck stop when three Hell's Angels bikers walked in. The first walked up to the old man and pushed his cigarette into the old man's pie, and then he took a seat at the counter.

The second walked up to the old man and spit into the old man's milk, and then he took a seat at the counter.

The third walked up to the old man and turned over the old man's plate, and then he took a seat at the counter.

Without a word of protest, the old man quietly left the diner. Shortly thereafter, one of the bikers said to the waitress, "Humph, not much of a man, was he?"

The waitress replied, "Not much of a truck driver, either. He just backed his truck over three motorcycles."

FOR THOSE, LIKE ME, WHO ARE EASILY AMUSED,

NOT THE RIGHT IMPRESSION

Boudreaux was leaving the office of a major corporation late one evening when he found the CEO himself standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

Eager to make a good impression, Boudreaux introduced himself and asked if he could be of any help.

"Why yes," said the CEO, holding up the piece of paper. "This is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said Boudreaux, happy for a chance to help the boss.

Boudreaux turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I'll need two copies."

HOW ABOUT A FINGER?

An ad for a hedge clipper that I had to read twice: “A built-in safety switch prevents accidental starting, and blades will stop when you take one hand off.”

TAKE CHARGE CEO

A company, feeling it is time for a shakeup, hires a new CEO. This new boss is determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he wants to let them know he means business! The CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "And how much money do you make a week?"

Undaunted, the young fellow looks at him and replies, "I make $200 a week. Why?" The CEO hands the guy $200 in cash and screams, "Here's a week's pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Surprisingly, the guy takes the cash with a smile, says "Yes sir! Thank you, sir!" and leaves.

Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

SORRY I'M LATE, GUYS. THE SITTER CALLED IN SICK.

The best part about being over 40 is we did most of our stupid stuff before the internet and cell phones that recorded videos!

DISORDER IN THE COURT

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
A: No.
Q: Did you check for blood pressure?
A: No.
Q: Did you check for breathing?
A: No.
Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
A: No.
Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Give me golf clubs, fresh air, and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air. —Jack Benny

THIS WOULD SCARE THE *** OUT OF ME**

"When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out."—Erma Bombeck

I’m pretty sure I had a good time last night. I’ll let you know as soon as I finish reading the police report.

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card.

She informed me that she couldn't complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

READY BUT UNWILLING

A friend of mine is a deputy with the sheriff's department canine unit. One evening, the deputy was dispatched to the scene of a possible burglary, where he discovered the back door of a building ajar. He let the dog out of his patrol car and commanded it to enter and seek. Jumping from the back seat, the dog headed for the building. After lunging through the doorway, the dog froze and backed out. My friend was puzzled until he investigated further and saw the sign on the building: "Veterinarian's Office."

Before you marry a person, you should first observe them using a computer with slow internet service to see who they really are. —Will Ferrell

Filling out a credit card application, my friend came upon this question: “What is your source of income?”

She wrote, “ATM.”

Before heading on vacation, I went to a tanning salon. I was under the lights so long the protective eye shades I wore left a big white circle around each eye. Gazing at myself in the mirror the next day, I thought, "Man, I look like a clown." I had almost convinced myself I was overreacting -- until I was in line at the grocery store. I felt a tug at my shirt and looked down to see a toddler staring up at me, "Are you giving out balloons?" he asked.

I’m old enough that I can remember when “a new hip joint” meant a place I wanted to go on a Friday night.

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road.

The reason: Too many deer were being hit by cars and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

SIGN NEEDS FIXING

HOW TO DEAL WITH AN ERRANT BOSOM

Recently, a man stopped at my desk at the library asking for help: A woman had breast-fed her infant and forgotten to “tuck herself back in.” I walked over to Lady Godiva and said, “Ma’am, I’m very sorry, but we don’t allow open drink containers in the library.”

Sometimes I wonder what happened to the people who asked me for directions.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?"

To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?"

He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask!"

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Driving along a country road, I ignored a Bridge Out sign and continued on. But in a few miles, I came to a stop: The road was completely barricaded. So I turned around and retraced my route. That's when I saw this sign on the back of the first: "It was, wasn't it?"

"I hate housework. You make the beds, you wash the dishes, and six months later you have to start all over again." —Joan Rivers

FROM HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

NUMB MOUTH

Fresh from a visit to the dentist, I decided to stop at my bank. Barely able to enunciate, I told the teller, "I'm sorry about not speaking more clearly. I've had Novocain."

"You should have used the drive-through," she said.

"Why?"

"Everyone who goes through sounds like that," she explained.

“Here’s something to think about: How come you never see a headline like ‘Psychic Wins Lottery’?”—Jay Leno

TRUST

A defense attorney was cross-examining a police officer during a felony trial - it went like this:

Q. Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?

A. No sir, but I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender running several blocks away.

Q. Officer, who provided this description?

A. The officer who responded to the scene.

Q. A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?

A. Yes sir, with my life.

Q. With your life? Let me ask you this then officer - do you have a locker room in the police station - a room where you change your clothes in preparation for you daily duties?

A. Yes sir, we do.

Q. And do you have a locker in that room?

. Yes sir, I do.

Q. And do you have a lock on your locker?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, that you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with those same officers?

A. You see sir, we share the building with a court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.

The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best come-back" line and we think he'll win.

My bank account balance is a constant reminder that I'm safe from identity theft.

THE CALCULATING SHEEPDOG

After a talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer. "I know," says the sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."

NO PROBLEMS

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all.

On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth!

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm, came down his street, beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. In fact, I use to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trashcans.

After a few days, the old-timer greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans."

The noisemakers were obviously displeased, but they did accept his offer and continued their afternoon ruckus. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street.

"Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?"

"A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

FOUND AN EXTRA PAIR OF BOOTS AT THE WORKSITE AND DECIDED TO GIVE MY SUPERVISOR A HEART ATTACK.

I think it’s adorable that they are putting jokes on the packages of snacks. Look at this one, “Severing size 3 cookies.”

A WOMAN’S CHRISTMAS LAMENT

It’s almost that time of year when other girls look cute in their flannel, and I just look like I’ve misplaced my axe.

My wife and I announce when we’re going to the bathroom. But it’s more a way of saying, “I’m not watching the kids, so if they die in the next 4 minutes, it’s all your fault.”

OOPS--TRUE STORY - CARJACKING FOILED

An elderly lady did her shopping and upon return found four males in her car. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice that she knows how to use it and that she will if required: so get out of her car. The four men didn't wait around for a second invitation but got out and ran like mad, whereupon the lady proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat.

Small problem, her key wouldn't fit the ignition. Her car was identical and parked 4 or 5 spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the

counter, where four pale white males were reporting a carjacking by a mad elderly white woman; no charges were filed.

I collect all cell phones and iPads from the kids at night and keep them in my room.

Last night those little blighters all set the alarms to go off at various time throughout the night.

I'm impressed with their ingenuity and team effort.

They're all grounded.

A TRASHY CAREER

"Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?" I asked my friend.

"He wants to be a garbageman," he replied.

"That's an unusual ambition to have at such a young age."

"Not really. He thinks that garbagemen work only on Tuesdays."

FLYING FIRST CLASS

On a BA flight from Johannesburg, a middle-aged, well-off white South African Lady has found herself sitting next to a black man. She called the cabin crew attendant over to complain about her seating.

"What seems to be the problem Madam?" asked the attendant.

"Can't you see?" she said, "You've sat me next to a kafir. I can't possibly sit next to this disgusting human. Find me another seat!"

"Please calm down, Madam." the stewardess replied. "The flight is very full today, but I'll tell you what I'll do - I'll go and check to see if we have any seats available in club or first class."

The woman cocks a snooty look at the outraged black man beside her (not to mention many of the surrounding passengers).

A few minutes later the stewardess returns with the good news, which she delivers to the lady, who cannot help but look at the people around her with a smug and self-satisfied grin: "Madam, unfortunately, as I suspected, economy is full. I've spoken to the cabin services director, and club is also full. However, we do have one seat in first class."

Before the lady has a chance to answer, the stewardess continues..."It is most extraordinary to make this kind of upgrade, however, and I have had to get special permission from the captain. But, given the circumstances, the captain felt that it was outrageous that someone should be forced to sit next such an obnoxious person."

Having said that, the stewardess turned to the black man sitting next to the lady, and said: "So if you'd like to get your things, sir, I have your seat ready for you..."

At which point, apparently the surrounding passengers stood and gave a standing ovation while the black man walked up to the front of the plane.

HOW TO LOG IN

COMPUTER: ENTER PASSWORD

ME: Type password
COMPUTER: WRONG
ME: Type password
COMPUTER: WRONG
ME: Type password
COMPUTER: WRONG
ME: Type password
COMPUTER: WRONG
ME: Reset password, type password
COMPUTER: NEW PASSWORD CANNOT BE THE SAME AS OLD PASSWORD

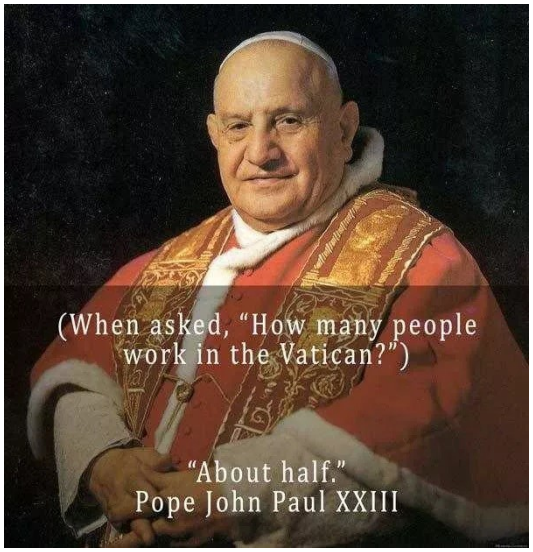
I just paid for a twelve-month membership for the gym, and the bank called me to see whether my credit card had been stolen.

My husband decided to install a light switch in our master bedroom. Cutting into the wall, he discovered a stash of bottles and boxes. "Honey!" he called excitedly. "Come see what I found!"
I ran in and quickly realized that his next task would be to fix the hole he had made in the back of our medicine cabinet.

Welcome to your sixties. If you don’t have a mysterious disease, one will be assigned to you shortly.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
- The 1997 Spring Council Retreat will be hell May 10 and 11.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary...
- Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.



When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.--Rodney Dangerfield

As the music swelled during a recent wedding reception, my hopelessly romantic husband squeezed my hand, leaned in, and said, "You are better looking than half the women here."

OOPS! I BLEW THAT ONE!

A lawyer defended a man accused of burglary with: "My client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. His arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by his limb." "Well put," the judge replied. "Using your logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses." The defendant smiled. With his

lawyer's assistance he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out.

TERROR IN THE BATHROOM

Two children went into their parent's bathroom and noticed the scale in the corner.

"Whatever you do," cautioned one child to the younger one, "don't step on it!"

"Why not?" asked the sibling.

"Because every time mom does, she lets out an awful scream!"

A FORMER STUDENT OF MINE WENT TO THE DMV AND DID THIS A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. HIS MOM POSTED THIS MESSAGE: “WELL, IT FINALLY HAPPENED. AFTER SEVERAL FAILED ATTEMPTS, CADE FINALLY GOT A CALIFORNIA ID WITH A COLANDER ON HIS HEAD. HE COULD WEAR IT FOR THE PICTURE BECAUSE HE CLAIMS HE IS A PASTAFARIAN AND THE COLANDER IS A RELIGIOUS GARMENT. HEY, HE’S ONLY 17 ONCE.

“I grew up with six brothers. That’s how I learned to dance: waiting for the bathroom.”—Bob Hope

PARENTING TIPS

- A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
- If you use a waterbed as home plate while wearing baseball shoes, it does not leak...it explodes.
- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house almost 4 inches deep.

LITERARY INSULTS

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend .. if you have one." -- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." -- Winston Churchill, in response

WHY A GREEN DRESS MAY NOT WORK FOR A WEATHER PERSON

When my wife gets a little upset, sometimes a simple “Calm down” in a soothing voice is all it takes to get her a lot upset.

The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream. –Bill Murray.

TEST DAY

During a test I was administering, I noticed that one of my married students, who was quite pregnant, kept rubbing her side. Before she left, I asked her, "Are you okay? I noticed you were holding onto your side."

"Oh, I'm fine," she answered. "It's just that my baby was pushing his foot up and down my ribs, and it hurt a little."

"Well, that's good," I said, feeling genuinely relieved.

"Yeah," she continued. "It's strange. He normally sleeps during your class..."

ECUMENICAL GOLF

The Pope met with his cardinals to discuss a proposal from Benjamin Netanyahu, the former leader of Israel. "Your Holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr. Netanyahu wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths."

The Pope thought it was a good idea, but he had never held a golf club in his hand. "Have we not," he asked, "a cardinal who can represent me against the leader of Israel?"

"None that plays golf very well," a cardinal said. "But there is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a cardinal, then ask him to play Benjamin Netanyahu as your personal representative. In addition to showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll also win the match!" Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made. Of course, Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the match. "I have some good news and some bad news, Your Holiness," said the golfer.

"Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus," said the Pope.

"Well, Your Holiness, I don't like to brag, but though I've played some pretty terrific rounds of golf in my life, this was the best I've ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accurate and purposeful and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous."

"What's the bad news?" the Pope asked.

Nicklaus sighed. "I lost to Rabbi Tiger Woods by three strokes."

MAKE SURE YOU ARE GOING THE RIGHT WAY

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

THE END IS NIGH-ER THAN YOU THOUGHT

A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads “The end is near! Turn around now before it’s too late!” A passing driver yells, “You guys are nuts!” and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, “Do you think we should just put up a sign that says ‘Bridge Out’ instead?”

The Dilbert Principle: The most ineffective workers will be systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage OR CONVERSELY The most ineffective workers will be systematically moved to the place where they can do the most damage--Management

GLOBAL WARMING--WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE

DOCTOR: How often do you exercise?
ME: Three times.
DOCTOR: A week, a month?
ME: You have my answer.

THIS CLASSIFIED AD SPEAKS VOLUMES:

Wanted to buy: playpen, cradle, high chair; also two single beds.

As long as there is algebra, there will be prayer in school.

SIGNS SPOTTED IN ENGLAND (THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND)

- IN A LAUNDROMAT: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.
- NOTICE IN A FIELD: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.
- ON A REPAIR SHOP DOOR: We can repair anything (Please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work)

EXACT PHOTO DESCRIPTION OF A DAD JOKE IN ACTION

For our honeymoon my fiancée and I chose a fashionable hotel known for its luxurious suites. When I called to make reservations, the desk clerk inquired, "Is this for a special occasion?"

"Yes," I replied. "It's our honeymoon."

"And how many adults will there be?" she asked.

NAVY SHOTS

While I'm not sure of the procedure now, when I was in the Navy, every so often, you got umpteen shots, whether you needed them or not. The carrier pilot in front of me as we passed through the line asked for a drink of water after receiving what seemed to be at least a dozen different needles.

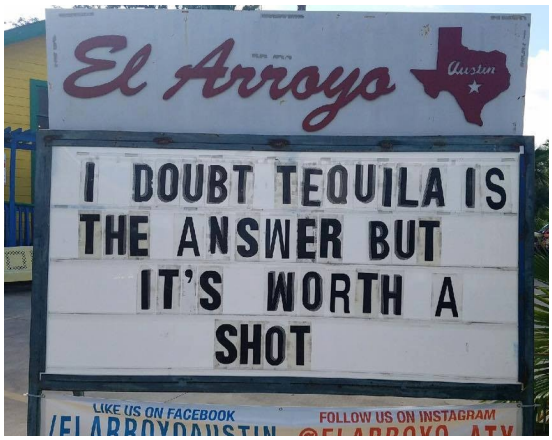
The Corpsman asked if he was dizzy.

"No, not at all." he replied. "I just wanna see if I'm still water-tight."

GAMERS WOULD APPRECIATE THIS

We should start referring to “age” as “levels” because “I’m at level 75” sounds so much accomplished than “I’m an old person.”

Nigerian man found dead in his apartment with $45 million in cash. He spent the last 10 years trying to share it, but no one replied to his emails.



COMIC CONDUCTOR

Halfway between New York City and Washington, D.C., the train's engine fell silent. "I've got good news and bad news," the conductor announced. "The bad news is we lost power." My fellow passengers groaned. "The good news," he added, "is we weren't cruising at 30,000 feet."

DEAR LIFE: When I asked if this day could get any worse, it was a rhetorical question, not a challenge.

ELDERLY AMERICAN IN PARIS

An elderly gentleman of 83 arrived in Paris by plane. At the French customs desk, the man took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked, sarcastically. The gentleman admitted he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained. "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to."

I enrolled in a private-detective school online, and I paid online. But then I never heard from them again. I thought that either I got ripped off or this is my first case.

NEW YEAR, OLD PROBLEMS

It’s New Year’s Eve, and the restaurant is hopping—revelers, band, overworked waiters. Wending his way through the crowd is a drunk, staggering back to his seat. Spotting an attractive woman sitting alone, he says, “Pardon me, miss, did I step on your feet a few minutes ago?”

“Yes,” she says testily, “you did.”

“Good! I knew my table was around here somewhere.”

Years ago I had just delivered twins. They were a boy and a girl. The head nurse brought them out for their father to see. He could hardly believe his good fortune. The girl baby had a pink blanket wrapped around her and the boy baby was enclosed in a blue blanket.

He took one step forward just so he could touch the babies and believe they had finally arrived. As he started to touch them the nurse took a step backwards and said "you can't touch those babies. You aren't sterile!

Without missing a beat, my husband retorted "Obviously, I'm not sterile!"

How do you know that you can’t cook? When they ask you to bring ice to the pot luck.

PORTABLE PRIMPING

People always ask me how long it takes to do my hair. I don’t know. I’m never there.--*Dolly Parton*

THE BEST GUIDE

A local hunting guide got himself into a big problem. His party became hopelessly lost in the mountains and they blamed him for leading them astray.

"You told us you were the best guide in Colorado!" they asserted.

"I am!" he said, "but I think we're in Wyoming now."

HOW TO PROPOSE

An extremely wealthy 65-year-old man falls in love with a young woman in her twenties and is contemplating a proposal.

"Do you think she'd marry me if I tell her I'm 45?" he asked a friend.

"Your chances are better," said the friend, "if you tell her you're 90."

NARROW ESCAPE

When my lifelong-bachelor uncle turned 78, he traveled across the country to visit a dozen or so old girlfriends. “How’d it go?” I asked when he returned.

“Thank God I never married any of them,” he said. “They’re all widows.”

At the grocery store three was an X on the floor to indicate where to stand, but I’ve seen too many Roadrunner cartoons to fall for that trick.

CITY PREACHER

Having grown up just outside New York City, I barely knew a cow from an ear of corn. Until, that is, I married a small-town Ohio girl. While I was in seminary school, I had a temporary assignment at a church in a rural community. The day of my first sermon, I tried very hard to fit in. Maybe too hard.

With my wife sitting in the first pew, I began my discourse: "I never saw a cow until I met my wife."

GEOGRAPHY EXPERT

I went with a friend to the country to look at a house he was thinking of buying. We found the town but not the road. We drove over to city hall, but no one there had heard of the road, not even the police or firefighters we asked. Finally, a young guy came to our aid. Pulling out a map, he showed us exactly how to get there. “Thanks,” I said. “Are you with the police or fire department?” “Neither,” he said. “I deliver pizzas.”

SHORT CONVERSATION

A teenage girl had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.

"Wow!" said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"

"Wrong number..." replied the girl.

PUNCTUALITY

A company owner was asked a question, "How do you motivate your employees to be so punctual?"

He smiled and replied, "It's simple. I have 30 employees and 29 free parking spaces. One is paid parking."

MAKING FACES

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child.

Smiling sweetly, the teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that."

Bobby looked up and innocently replied, "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

DECIPHERING SALE LANGUAGE

I think I've finally decoded the language of jewelry adds on sale-a-day websites:

Statement jewelry = large and ugly

Lots of personality = odd and ugly

Cutting-edge = disturbing and ugly

I left my shopping list on the kitchen counter. I came home with a tub of ice cream and a pony.

PRODIGAL SON'S RETURN

We were sitting in church a few weeks ago while the minister delivered a sermon based on the timeless story of the prodigal son. When he got to the point where the father sees his son returning and races out to meet him, the minister said, "Throwing wide his arms, the father said..."

At which point my younger son leaned over to me and whispered, "YOU'RE GROUNDED!"

What if UFOs are just billionaires from other planets?

DEFINITION:
ANSWERS: What we have for other people's problems.

WE MISSED AN HISTORIC EVENT

After arriving late to the Tower of London and to Buckingham Palace, the tour group finally arrived at Runnymede. The guide announced, "On this very spot, the historic Magna Carta was signed."

A woman asked, "When was that?"

The guide said, "1215." "I knew it," said the woman.

"We missed it by 15 minutes."

Our normally sweet Great Dane has one quirk: She hates United Parcel Service drivers. While walking her one day, we came upon a guy delivering a package. Struggling to keep hold of her, I joked, “As you can see, she just loves UPS men.” Circumnavigating us, he muttered, “Don’t you feed her anything else?”

Have you even wondered what the people are like who caused the product warning labels?

NATO was planning to hold military exercises in Switzerland and asked the Swiss Army to borrow their tanks.

“Sure,” a Swiss General said. “Is one enough or do you need all two?”

HOW TO ASK THE QUESTION

A young woman decided to redecorate her bedroom. She wasn't sure how many rolls of wallpaper she would need, but she knew that her friend next door had recently done the same job and the two rooms were identical in size.

"Buffy," she said, "how many rolls of wallpaper did you buy for your bedroom?"

"Ten," said Buffy.

So the girl bought the ten rolls of paper and did the job, but she had 2 rolls leftover.

"Buffy," she said. "I bought ten rolls of wallpaper for the bedroom, but I've got 2 leftover!"

"Yeah!" said Buffy. "So did I."

A MEAL FIT FOR A...

My wife is a very adventurous cook. “How does this sound?” she called out from the kitchen. “Bonito, surimi, and anchovies in a decadent, silky broth.”

“Sounds delicious,” I hollered back. “Is that what we’re having tonight?”

“No. I’m reading from this packet of cat food.”

COMPUTER HACKING INTERVIEW

I went for an interview at a big IT company today for the position of Computer Hacking Investigator.

The boss asked me, "So, what makes you suitable for this job?"

"Well," I replied, "I hacked into your computer and invited myself to this interview!"

PIE CHART DEMONSTRATION:
WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW

NOT SO MAGICAL

After many trips over the years to Disney World with our nephew, my husband and I were eager to hear about his first time there without us and on his own dime. He summed it up quite well when he said, “I discovered that Disney World is not so magical when I’m paying for it.”

When I got my first universal remote control, I thought, “This changes everything.”

MILITARY COMPUTER

Military leaders succeed in building a computer able to solve any strategic or tactical problem.

They are assembled in front of the new machine and instructed to feed a difficult tactical problem into it.

They describe a hypothetical situation to the computer and then ask the pivotal question: attack or retreat?

The computer hums away for an hour and then comes up with the answer: YES.

The generals look at each other, somewhat stupefied. Finally one of them submits a second request to the computer: YES WHAT?

Instantly the computer responded: YES, SIR.

PRACTICE WORKS

A man was annoyed when his wife told him that a car had backed into her, damaging a fender, and that she hadn't gotten the license number. "What kind of car were they driving?" the husband asked.

"I don't know," she said. "I never can tell one car from another."

At that, the man decided the time had come for a learning course, and for the next few days, whenever they were driving, he made her name each car they passed until he was satisfied that she could recognize every make. It worked.

About a week later she bounded in with a pleased expression on her face. "Darling," she said. "I hit a Buick!"

THIS PICTURE TELLS THE ENTIRE STORY

As I stepped out of the shower, I heard someone in my kitchen downstairs. Knowing that my wife was out, I grabbed my 1903 heirloom rifle—which no longer works—and crept downstairs, forgetting the fact that I was in my birthday suit. I came around the corner with the gun raised, only to find my wife loading the dishwasher. “What are you doing?” she asked. “I thought I heard an intruder. I came down to scare him.” Scanning the contours of my doughy, naked body, she mumbled, “You didn’t need the gun.”

PUZZLE

While filling out a doctor's medical questionnaire, I was stumped by this entry: "Choose one:

__ Hispanic
__ Non-Hispanic
__.Other"

You know how, when you buy a bag of lettuce and you don't eat it right away, it gets all brown, wilty, and soggy. That would never happen with doughnuts.

PASTOR'S IMPROVISING

Just as I began my Christmas Eve service, the electricity in the church failed. The ushers and I found some candles and placed them around the sanctuary. Then I reentered the pulpit, shuffled my notes, and muttered, "Now, where was I?" A tired voice called out, "Right near the end!"

The Karma bus is delayed due to high demand. But don't worry. It's coming.

PARTIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON PET SHAMPOO

Remember to eliminate all escape routes well in advance [of applying shampoo]. A tip: once your pet is slippery wet, he or she is suddenly smarter and faster that you are.

REAL PUNISHMENT

A newspaper reporter was writing a feature story about prison life and was interviewing one of the prisoners. "Do you watch much television here?"

"Only the daytime shows," the inmate said. "At night we're locked in our cells and don't see any television."

"That's too bad," the reporter said, "But I do think it is nice that the warden lets you watch it in the daytime."

"What do you mean, nice?" the inmate said. "That's part of the punishment."

The irony of all this is that the internet was created to same us time. Ha, ha! We showed it!

JURY DUTY

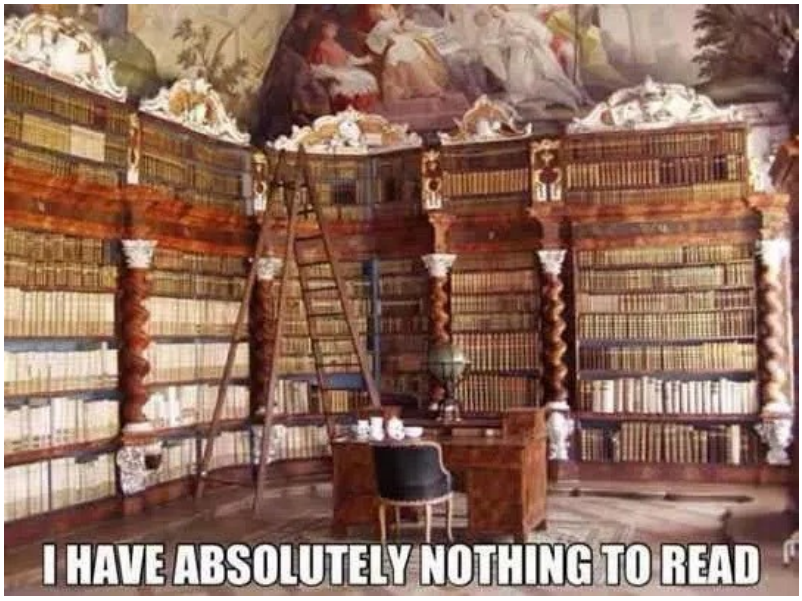
Mrs. Hunter was called to serve for jury duty, but asked to be excused because she didn't believe in capital punishment and didn't want her personal thoughts to prevent the trial from running its proper course. But the public defender liked her thoughtfulness and quiet calm and tried to convince her that she was appropriate to serve on the jury.

"Madam," he explained, "this is not a murder trial! It's a simple civil lawsuit. A wife is bringing this case against her husband because he gambled away the $12,000 he had promised to use to remodel the kitchen for her birthday."

"Well, okay," agreed Mrs. Hunter, "I'll serve. I guess I could be wrong about capital punishment after all."

BREAKFAST AT ALCATRAZ

Three prisoners broke out of their cells and incited a riot. After they were caught, the warden asked why they had revolted. “Warden,” said one of the men, “we rebelled because the food is awful.” “I see,” said the warden. “But what did you use to break the bars?” “The French toast.”



When my father ran out of gas, he called my mother to pick him up in her car. They went to a gas station, filled a gas can, and returned to his car.

After a few minutes, he got into her car again. "We need to go back to the gas station," he said.

"One gallon wasn't enough?" she asked.

"It would have been if I'd put it in the right car."

I just sold a lawn mower on Craig's List. That's the last Saturday morning that the neighbor is going to wake me up.

SPOTTED ON RESTAURANT WEB SITE: "Glutton-free menu available."

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

POP VS. PUP

While flying from Denver to Kansas City, Kansas, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mom couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember — run to Dad first, then the dog."

It's a 5-minute walk from my house to the pub and a 30-minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering.

PREROGATIVES OF RANK

At a prestigious university there is a clear hierarchy that outlines how long one was to wait for a class to begin if the professor doesn't show up. A full professor is rated fifteen minutes; an associate only ten. A mere

instructor was expected to be on time, if not early. This system worked only one way, however, and students were afforded no such grace.

It was to be expected, therefore, that one professor, the foremost authority in his field by his own admission, would register distinct annoyance when a student, just out of military service, was late for class for the third morning running.

"Tell me," the professor began, "exactly how did they react in the Army when you sauntered in late like this?"

"Well," mused the unperturbed veteran, "first they saluted, and then they said, ‘Good morning, General'"

WIRELESS DOORBELLS SITTING ON THEIR CHARGERS

THE SADDEST STORY I KNOW

While at a convention, Bill, Jim, and Scott shared a hotel suite on the 75th floor. After a long day of meetings, they were shocked to find that the hotel elevators were broken and that they’d have to climb all the way up to their room. “I have a way to break the monotony,” said Bill. “I’ll tell jokes for 25 flights, Jim can sing songs for the next 25, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way.” As they started walking up, Bill told his first joke. At the 26th floor, Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor, it was Scott’s turn. “I will tell my saddest story first,” he said. “Once there was a man who left the room key in the car.”

I always wanted to be somebody, but I guess I should've been more specific. —Lily Tomlin

DIAGNOSIS

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

WHEN I WAS A BOY OF 14...

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. --*Mark Twain*

PHARMACY SIGN: “We sell beer & wine! We can flavor your child’s liquid Rx!”

I won't say I'm worn out, but I don't get near the curb on trash day.

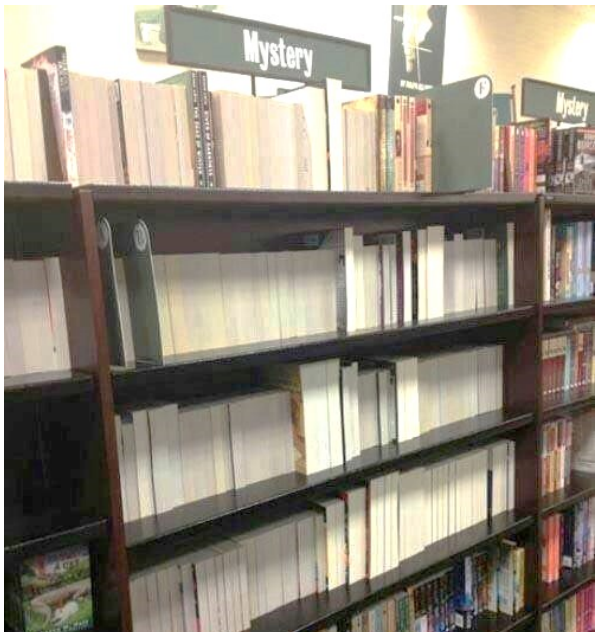
OVERSLEEPING

This guy had a problem of oversleeping. He was always late for work, and his boss was getting mad. So he went to the doctor and got some pills that were supposed to help. That night he slept well and woke up even before the alarm! He had a leisurely breakfast and drove happily to work.

"Boss," he said. "The pill the doctor gave me actually worked!"

"That's fine," said the boss, "but where were you yesterday?"

WELL PLAYED:



My friend forgot his laptop on the floor of my room. My grandma thought it was a scale. Conclusion: My grandma weighs $950.

CALL THE PASTOR ANY TIME

A pastor assured his congregation he was their servant and that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem.

That night the pastor's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, "Pastor, I can't sleep."

"I'm so sorry to hear that," he comforted her. "But what can I do about it?" the pastor asked.

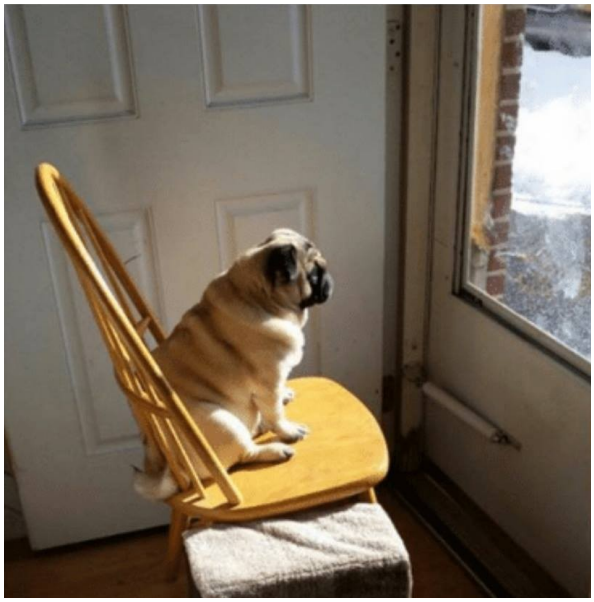
She sweetly replied, "Preach to me a while, pastor."

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

Q: What do you call a person who is happy on Mondays?

A: Retired.

WHEN MY EMAIL SAYS, “YOUR ORDER HAS SHIPPED.”



Q: Did you hear about the math student who’s afraid of negative numbers?

A: He’ll stop at nothing to avoid them.

I’m never more nervous than when I insist that we’re out of something and my wife goes to look for it herself.

PERSONAL CHECK

I requested identification from a department-store customer who had just written a personal check for her purchase. After fumbling through her purse, she presented me with what she said was the only thing that bore both her name and address. It was a notice of insufficient funds from her bank.

Q: Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

A: Mt. Everest.

Following a funeral service, the pallbearers are carrying the casket out of the church when they accidentally bump into a wall. From inside the coffin, they hear a faint moan. Opening the lid, they find the man inside alive! He leaps out, performs a little jig, and lives another ten years before eventually keeling over.

Once again, a ceremony is conducted, and at the end, the pallbearers carry out the casket. As they head toward the doors of the church, the wife of the deceased leaps to her feet and shouts, "Watch the wall!"

THE GREAT WRITER

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to define 'great' he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for IRS writing tax regulations.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me. —Fred Allen

AS IF DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION WASN'T ENOUGH:

In an attempt to balance work and motherhood, I delegated the grocery shopping to my young babysitter. But the job proved a tad daunting. One day while I was at work, she texted me from the supermarket. "Can't find Brillo pads," she wrote. "All they have are Tampax and Kotex."

SLEEPY PASSENGER

A flight attendant was on the red-eye to Manila when a water leak developed in the galley, which eventually soaked the carpet throughout the cabin of the 747.

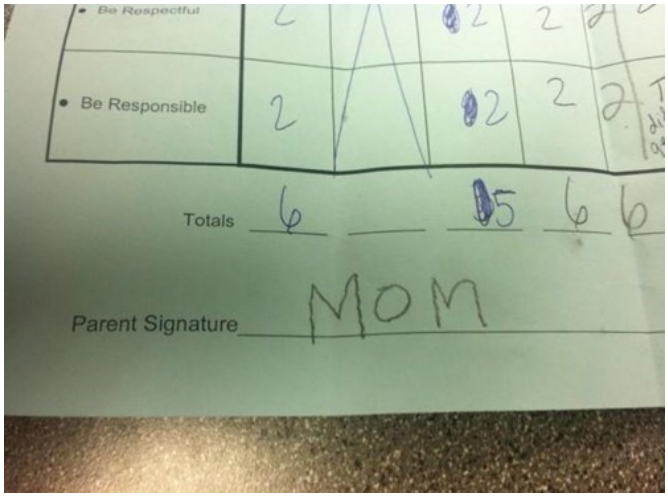
A very sleepy passenger who had become aware of the dampness asked the attendant, "Has it been raining?"

Keeping a straight face, the attendant replied, "Yes, but we put the top up." With a sigh of relief, the passenger went back to sleep.

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT GUNS

After leaving the Army, I applied for a hunting permit but was told I would first need to take a hunter's safety course. "I'm a veteran, trained in handling firearms," I said. "Why wouldn't I get a waiver?"

The clerk replied, "Because we teach you ***not*** to shoot people."



The man approached the very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and asked, “You know, I’ve lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?”

“Why?”

“Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman my wife appears out of nowhere.”

DEFINITIONS: A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

PRICELESS FOSSILS?

Fresh out of high school, I found a job cleaning the elegant home of an older couple. Among other duties, I had to dust their many imported carvings and petrified collectibles, as well as pick up after their pets.

One day, I was astonished to find two ivory fossils lying on the floor beside the bookcase. I quickly picked them up, and put them back on the shelf. The next week, the same thing happened.

That afternoon, my employer came into the parlor, her faithful dog behind her. Looking around, she eyed the bookcase. "Nya," she asked the dog, "how in the world do you keep getting your bones up there?"

THE COOKIE CUTTER THAT ENSURES NO ONE WILL EAT THE COOKIES YOU MADE FOR YOURSELF

You didn't have to be a brain surgeon to figure out that a customer at our post office was an off-duty mail clerk from another plant. He'd written on his package, "Fragile: Toss Underhand."

A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, "At my age I don't even buy green bananas."

SNARKY CADDY COMMENTS

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."
Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

Golfer: "How do you like my game?"
Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?
Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
Caddy: "Sir, it's been a long time since we teed off."

Phlebotomist: I’m here to draw some blood.
Patient: But I just received blood yesterday.
Phlebotomist: You didn’t think you’d get to keep it, did you?

It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens. —Woody Allen

Studying our wedding photos, my six-year-old asked, “Did you marry Dad because he was good-looking?” “Not really,” I replied. “Did you marry him for his money?” “Definitely not,” I laughed. “He didn’t have any.” “So,” he said, “you just felt sorry for him.”

Though the vocabulary words we were learning in my second-grade class sort of sounded the same, they had very different meanings.

This concept was not lost on one bright boy who knew what those differences were:

"When people marry more than once, it's called polygamy. But when people marry only once, it's called monotony."

HELPING HAND

A man writing at the post office desk was approached by an older fellow with a post card in his hand. The old man said, "Sir, I'm sorry to bother you but could you address this post card for me? My arthritis is acting up today and I can't even hold a pen."

"Certainly sir,' said the younger man, "I'd be glad to."

He wrote out the address and also agreed to write a short message and sign the card for the man. Finally, the younger man asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?"

The old fellow thought about it for a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you just add, 'PS: Please excuse the sloppy hand-writing.'?"

When our client's dog lapped up anti-freeze, the veterinarian I work for ordered a unique treatment: an IV drip mixing fluids with vodka. "Go buy the cheapest bottle you can find," he told me. At the liquor store, I was uneasy buying cheap booze so early in the day, and I felt compelled to explain things to the clerk.

"Believe it or not," I said, "this is for a sick dog."

As I was leaving, the next customer plunked down two bottles of muscatel and announced, "These are for my cats."

I like the fact that the Earth rotates. It really makes my day.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE ILL

My sister had been ill, so I called to see how she was doing. My ten-year-old niece answered the phone.

"Hello," she whispered.

"Hi, Honey. How's your mother doing?" I asked.

"She's sleeping," she answered, again in a whisper.

"Did she go to the doctor?" I asked.

"Yes. She got some medicine," my niece said softly.

"Well, don't wake her. Just tell her I called. What are you doing, by the way?"

Again in a soft whisper, she answered, "Practicing my trumpet."

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, “Did you ever kill anyone?

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, “Probably. I was the cook.”

Q: What’s the best thing about Switzerland:

A: I don’t know, but the flag is a big plus.

One day my son asked me what a certain word meant. I was so proud of my clear, concise definition that was just right for his age. But when I finished, he thought for a moment and said, "I'd better ask Mommy."

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell “crocodile”?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L
Teacher: No, that’s wrong.
Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

KITCHEN HELP

My brother-in-law came home to an empty house one day and decided he would start dinner. First, he would make the salad. He searched high and low for the big bowl for making the salad and finally found it in the refrigerator, half full of Kool Aid.

"Who on earth put Kool Aid in a bowl?" He looked around and found some empty pop bottles, rinsed them out and using a funnel, transferred the Kool Aid to the pop bottles and returned them to the fridge. He then made the salad and started the rest of the dinner.

Later, my sister came home. She had been to the store and was putting some things in the fridge, when suddenly she asked her husband, "Who on earth put my Jello in pop bottles?"

UNFORTUNATE EMAIL ADDRESS

At my computer security company, I have a colleague whose name is M. Alware. His e-mail address is malware@company.com.

HOPE YOU LIKE CHEESE!

A surveyor drops by Will’s farm in eastern Minnesota and announces that he has some bad news. “I discovered that your farm isn’t in Minnesota,” he says. “It’s actually in Wisconsin.”

Will lets out a sigh of relief. “That’s the best news I’ve heard in a long time,” he says. “I was just telling my wife this morning that I don’t think I can take another winter in Minnesota.”

WOMEN: Shampoo for dry, damage hair.
MEN: 6 in 1 shampoo for face, hair, body, floor, car, dishwasher.

CORRECTION

I work in a department store where every night at closing time one of our customer service representatives reminds shoppers over the public address system to finish their shopping.

One evening, a woman who had recently worked at Kmart opened the announcement by saying, "Attention Kmart shoppers..." Quickly realizing her mistake, she tap-danced her way out of trouble by adding, "...you are in the wrong store."

WHEN YOU LIE ON YOUR RESUME ABOUT PREVIOUS SHEEPDOG EXPERIENCE

My seatmate on a flight was a woman.

Ever the charmer, I asked, “Does the airline charge you extra for sitting next to good-looking men?”

“Yes,” she said, “but I wasn’t willing to pay.”

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?" Because every play needs a cast.

STRANGE HEADLINE

County to Pay $250,000 to Advertise Lack of Funds--*Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon*

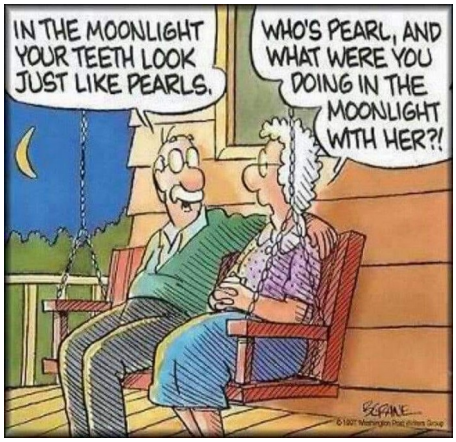
FOLLOW THE RULES

The local high school has a policy that the parents must call the school if a student is to be absent for the day. Kelly, deciding to skip school and go to the mall with her friends, waited until her parents had left for work and called the school herself. This is the actual conversation of the telephone call.

Kelly: "Hi, I'm calling to report that Kelly so-in-so is unable to make it to school today because she is ill."

Secretary at high school: "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. I'll note her absence. Who is this calling?"

Kelly: "This is my mother."



When my coworker answered his phone, the confused woman on the other end asked, “Who is this?”

“This is Steve. With whom did you wish to speak?”

After a pause: “Did you just say whom?”

“Yes, I did.”

The woman replied, “I have the wrong number,” and hung up.

I’d like the window that says “Are you sure you want to do this? OK/Cancel” to pop up less often on my computer and more in my real life.

HOW TO REALLY GET AWAY

Getting away from their high-stress jobs, a couple spends relaxing weekends in their motor home. When they found their peace and quiet disturbed by well-meaning, but unwelcome, visits from other campers, they devised a plan to assure themselves some privacy. Now, when they set up camp, they place this sign on the door of their RV: "Insurance agent. Ask about our term-life package."

SHEEP DOGS HAVING TO WORK FROM HOME

When my son was 5, he asked, “What does coffee taste like?”
“Unfortunately, not as good as it smells.”
His response, “Oh. Like shampoo.”

If I’m on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him.--*Bob Hope*

TAILOR-MADE QUIPS

My husband and I couldn’t decide which jacket to buy our granddaughter, so we asked the young salesman. “If you were buying a jacket for your girlfriend,” I said, “what would you get?”
“A bulletproof one,” he said. “I’m married.”

SINS OF OMISSION

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?"

A small girl replied: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?"

DIET BUDDIES

Mary announced that she was going to start a diet to lose some pounds she had put on recently.

"Great," Sue exclaimed. "I'm ready to start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. And when I feel the urge to drive out and get a burger and fries, I'll call you first."

"Wonderful," Mary replied. "I'll go with you."

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN WHO BUILD THE DRAIN SYSTEM. I WANT TO KNOW WHO BUILT THE FENCE!

SECURITY SYSTEM

When a neighbor's home was burglarized, I decided to be more safety conscious. But my measly front-door lock wasn’t going to stop anyone, so I hung this sign outside: "Nancy, don’t come in. The snake is loose. Mom."

THE KEY TO EATING HEALTHY…

The key to eating healthy is not eating any food that has a TV commercial.

“A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don’t need it.”—Bob Hope

INSERT FOOT

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You may not want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

WHEN YOUR KIDS ASK YOU TO PLAY WITH THEM AT THE PARK

THE PERILS OF VISION

“Those frames are so flattering,” I assured my sister. She’d just gotten new glasses after 25 years and wasn’t happy with them.

“They’re OK,” she said, staring gloomily at herself in the mirror.

“Can you see better?”
“Yeah, I can see better.”
“So what’s wrong?”
“Well, for one thing,” she said, “I thought I was still cute.”

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

Due to the pandemic, Finland has just closed their borders, so nobody will be crossing the Finnish line.

NOT A PROBLEM

Dewey called Dr. Mike Wilson's office for an appointment.
"I'm sorry," said the receptionist, "we can't fit you in for at least two weeks."
"But I could be dead by then!"
"No problem. If your wife lets us know, we'll cancel the appointment."

SOMEBODY’S DAY WAS RUINED

A man has been drinking all day at a local bar and checks his watch. "1:30am, rats. I need to go home now or my wife's going to kill me", he thinks to himself. But as he's trying to get up, he falls awkwardly on the floor.
"I'm just way too drunk right now, I need to sober up."

So he asks the bartender for a coffee, he drinks it up and 30 minutes later he tries to stand up, but again, falling to the floor, this time, even harder.

At this point he realizes he needs to get home no matter what, so he starts crawling towards his house. After 40 minutes he gets there, lays down next to his sleeping wife and passes out.

The next morning his wife wakes him up and starts shouting at him,

"So... how was last night, huh? Was it fun drinking all day?"

The man is certain his wife was asleep when he got home so he tries to play it cool. Not really, just hanging with some coworkers... we didn't drink much... just a couple of beers."

His wife starts nodding sarcastically and responds, "The bar owner called this morning, you left your wheelchair there."

I couldn’t afford an ancestry DNA kit, so I just announced that I won the lottery and immediately found out who all my relatives were.

YOUNGEST IN SCHOOL

A friend of mine has three boys, the youngest of whom, Gregory, had just started school. A teacher commented to Gregory that she couldn't believe he was already in first grade and asked what his mother did all day now that the three boys were in school.

"Cartwheels," Gregory answered.

MY SUMMER DREAM

“The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.”—Bill Watterson

HOW TO SHOCK A TIME TRAVELER

If someone from the 1950s suddenly appeared, what would be the most difficult thing to explain about life today? One answer: “I possess a device in my pocket that is capable of accessing the entirety of information known to man. I use it to look at pictures of cats and get into arguments with strangers.”

I don’t want to say we eat out a lot, but I’ve noticed that lately when I call my kids for dinner, they run to the car.

WRONG NUMBER?

I still have a lot of trouble with wrong numbers. Yesterday I dialed the Red Cross and got the Internal Revenue Service in error.

So the IRS operator asked me what number I had dialed. I said, "The Red Cross, you know, where they take the blood."

She said, "Well, you aren't too far off, are you?"

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST

"What do you love most about me," a husband asked his wife, "my great athletic ability or my quick intellect?"

"What I love most about you," responded the wife, "is your enormous sense of humor."

--“ALL THOSE DARN DEER ON THE HIGHWAY”

--“THOSE ARE PEOPLE MARGARET, AND YOU’RE ON THE SIDEWALK.”

JUST FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

My wife is a by-the-recipe baker. But that attention to detail still hasn't made her chocolate chip cookies taste any better. One day, after the cookies had been in the oven a while, I smelled a familiar odor. "They're burning," I shouted.

"I know," she said nonchalantly.

"Aren't you going to take them out?"

"No. They still have six minutes."

Q: Why do bagpipe players walk while they play?

A: To get away from the noise.

EXPRESS CHECKOUT

It was a Saturday afternoon, and Ray had rushed down to the local supermarket to hurriedly pick up some hamburger rolls, chips and a few condiments. The big college game was going to be on, so he was having a few friends over to watch it.

The store was loaded with shoppers and as he headed for the six-item express lane, the only one that didn't have a long line, a woman completely ignoring the overhead sign slipped into the check-out line just in front of him pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Ray was quietly fuming at the anticipated delay. But the elderly cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked ever so sweetly, "So Dearie, which six items would you like to buy?"

CAN YOU SEE ME?

I'm a counsellor who helps coordinate support groups for visually-impaired adults.

Many participants have a condition known as macular degeneration, which makes it difficult for them to distinguish facial features. I had just been assigned to a new group and was introducing myself.

Knowing that many in the group would not be able to see me well, I jokingly said, "For those of you who can't see me, I've been told that I look like a cross between Paul Newman and Robert Redford."

Immediately, one woman called out, "We're not THAT blind!"

FOR YOU COMPUTER TECHIES

SATISFACTION FROM LAW OFFICE

A guy phones a law office and says, "I want to speak to my lawyer."

The receptionist replies, "I'm sorry but he died last week."

The next day he phones again and asks the same question. The receptionist replies, "I told you yesterday, he died last week."

The next day the guy calls again and asks to speak to his lawyer. By this time the receptionist is getting annoyed and replies, "I keep telling you that your lawyer died last week. Why do you keep calling?"

The guy responds, "Because I just love hearing it."

Sign on a desk in a reception room: "We shoot every 3rd salesman, and the 2nd one just left."

HOW LONG?

The company I work for offers tours through the historic district of Annapolis, Maryland, led by guides dressed in Colonial clothing. While leading a group, Felix, one of our guides, tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

He went to the hospital, and as he sat waiting in the emergency room, a policeman walked by. Doing a double take at Felix in his 18th-century garb, he asked, "Just how long have you been waiting?"

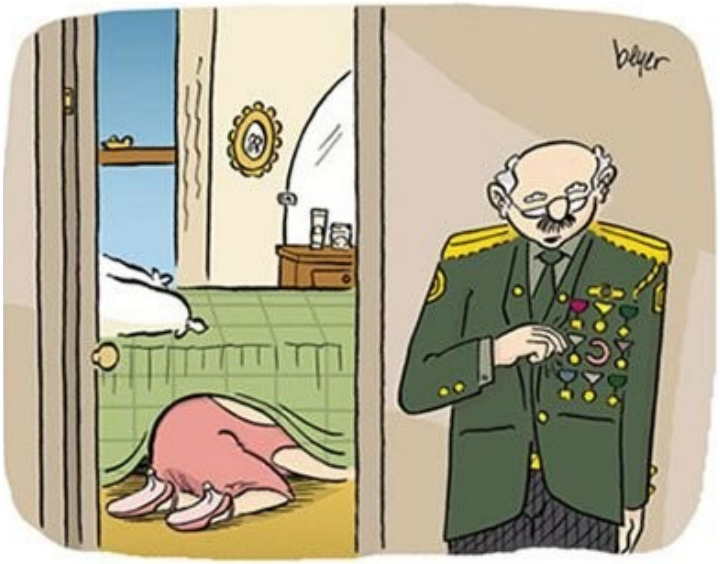
HELICOPTER MALFUNCTION

While ferrying workers back and forth from our offshore oil rig, the helicopter I was on lost power and went down. Fortunately, it landed safely in a lake. Struggling to get out, one man tore off his seat belt, inflated his life vest and jerked open the exit door.

"Don't jump!" the pilot called out. "This thing is supposed to float!"

As the man leapt from the helicopter into the lake, he yelled back, "Yeah, and it's supposed to fly too!"

LITERARY INSULT: "A modest little person, with much to be modest about." -Winston Churchill



FARMER’S WAGON

A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagon, loaded with corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise.

"Hey Clarence!!" the farmer yelled. "Forget your troubles. Come into the house with me and the Mrs., and have a bite to eat. Then I'll help you get the wagon up.”

"That's mighty nice of you, "Clarence answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."

"Aw, come on," the farmer insisted.

"Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it."

After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

"Don't be foolish!" the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"

"Under the wagon."

REASONABLE DOUBT

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked, but your client didn't."

HEALTH CARE CONUNDRUM: Doctors can be frustrating. You wait month-and-a-half for an appointment, and he says, I wish you'd come to me sooner.

HOW INSURANCE WORKS

Bill's barn burned down, and his wife Polly called the insurance company.

Polly told the insurance company, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand, and I want my money."

The agent replied, "Hold on just a minute, Polly. Insurance doesn't work quite like that. We will ascertain the value of what was insured and provide you with a new barn of comparable worth."

There was a long pause before Polly replied, "Then I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband."

OH WHAT A CUTE SIAMESE. IS HE FRIENDLY?

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

OLD PAY PHONE NEEDS REPAIR

Bill was a frequent user of a pay telephone at a popular truck stop, and was greatly inconvenienced when the phone went out of commission.

Repeated requests for repair brought only promises.

After several days, Bill again contacted the phone company and told them there was no longer a rush. The phone was now working fine... except that all money was being returned upon completion of each call.

A repairman arrived within the hour!

If dentists make money from bad teeth, why should I use tooth paste that four-fifths of them recommend.

FIVE MINUTES

A hospital posted a notice in the nurse's lounge saying: "Remember, the first five minutes of a human being's life are the most dangerous."

Underneath, a nurse had written: "The last five are pretty risky, too."

IRONY

TOO BIG A FAMILY

My sister works as a secretary for a number of medical doctors. One is the father of 10 children. One night it was his turn to stay home and take care of the house and the kids while his wife got out to relax.

The doctor settled down in the living room to read his newspaper and magazines. There were kids running all around, up and down stairs and just having a grand time. Finally it got to be about 8PM and the doctor calls out with a loud voice, "OK, everybody upstairs and start getting ready for bed!"

There is heard this stampede of kids heading up the stairs as they were ordered. The doctor settles down in his chair with a bit more of peace and quiet. Only a few minutes pass when he hears the distinct foot fall of someone coming down the stairs. He hollers out, "I told you to get upstairs and to get ready for bed."

Next thing heard is the sound of feet running upstairs.

Once again, the doctor settles into his reading. Not two minutes pass but that he hears quite distinctly the steps of someone coming down the

stairs. He gets up out of his chair and goes and stands at the bottom of the stairs. With hands on his hips I looks up at the child and says, "Didn't I tell you to get upstairs and get ready for bed?"

Sheepishly the child looks at the doctor and says, "But mister, I don't even live here!"

SPOT ON PREDICTION: "There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home." Ken Olson, Pres. of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

SPELLING BEE

After a long illness, a woman died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the Gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her -- "Hello" "How are you! We've been waiting for you!" "Good to see you."

When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her.

"Which word?" the woman asked.

"Love."

The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven.

About six months later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived.

"I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?"

"Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a big mansion. And my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation and I went water skiing today. I fell, the ski hit my head, and here I am. How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," the woman told him.

"Which word?" her husband asked.

"Czechoslovakia."

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

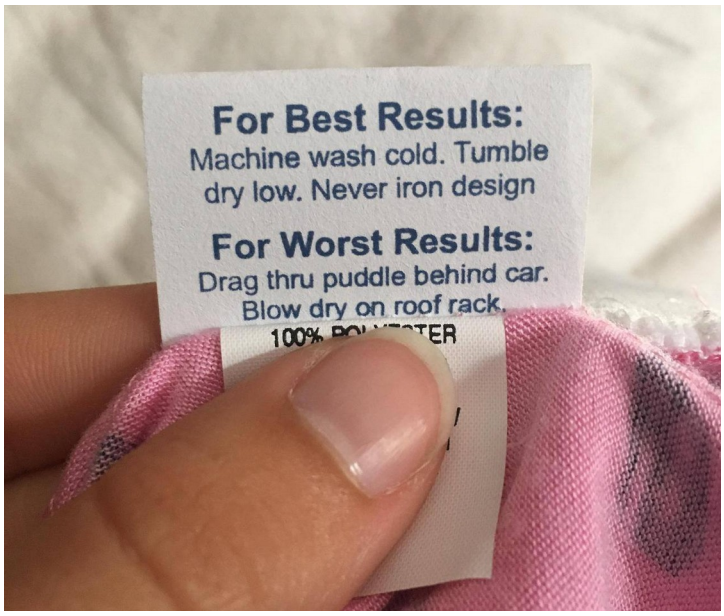
PARTS IS PARTS

A parts manager for a small electronics shop, had occasion to order part No. 669 from the factory. But when he received it, he noticed that someone had sent part No. 699 instead.

Furious at the factory's incompetence, he promptly sent the part back along with a letter giving them a piece of his mind.

Less than a week later, he received the same part back with a letter containing just four words: "TURN THE PART OVER."

Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.


For Best Results:
Machine wash cold. Tumble dry low. Never iron design
For Worst Results:
Drag thru puddle behind car.
Blow dry on roof rack.

WIRE COAT HANGER TRICK

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found.

John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat. With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one."

SAD TRUTH: People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.

CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS

AND HERE'S THE STORY

I went grocery shopping at Walmart yesterday and got some chicken legs. Right before the young lady rang them up, I asked her if she knew if they were front legs or back legs. She paused for a moment and read everything she could find on the package; not finding the answer, she then said, "I don't know, so let me go and ask my manager." So I let her go.

She came back a couple of minutes later, looked at me and said, "Not funny."

I said I was sorry, but it was funny to me. The gentleman behind me said, "For me too that was a good one."

BIGGEST JERKS

One day I was reading a newspaper. On page two was a picture of a famous politician and his gorgeous wife. Slightly jealous of the politician, I turned to my wife and said, "It's unfair that the biggest jerks in the world catch the most beautiful wives."

My wife smiled and replied, "Why, thank you dear."

I'm not 70-something. I'm $69.95, plus shipping and handling.

NURSE PICABO STREET

The famous Olympic skier Picabo Street is not just an athlete, she is a nurse. She currently works at the Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital.

She is not permitted to answer the telephone, however, as it caused simply too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "Picabo, ICU."

MARKETING

An inter-office softball game was held every year between the marketing and support staff of one company. The support staff whipped the marketing department soundly. To show just how the marketing department earns their keep, they posted this memo on the bulletin board after the game: "The Marketing Department is pleased to announce that for the 2020 Softball Season, we came in 2nd place, having lost but one game all year. The Support Department, however, had a rather dismal season, winning only one game."

THE ANSWER MAN TACKLES BABY QUESTIONS

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No, 35 children is enough.

Q: I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move?
A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.

Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational.
A: So what's your question?

Q: What's the difference between a nine-month pregnant woman and a model?
A: Nothing (if the pregnant woman's husband knows what's good for him).

Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right?
A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current.

Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room while my wife is in labor?
A: Not unless the word "alimony" means anything to you.

Q: What does it mean when a baby is born with teeth?
A: It means that the baby's mother may want to rethink her plans to nurse.

BUTTER OR NOT

Jack Benny and George Burns met as young performers on the vaudeville circuit and remained friends for life. One day at lunch, Benny wrestled with the problem of whether or not to butter his bread.

"I like butter on my bread," he said. "But my diet strictly forbids butter. Maybe I should call Mary and ask her what to do."

"Jack," Burns said, "don't be ridiculous. You're a grown man. You should be able to decide, without your wife's help, whether or not to butter your own bread."

"You're right," Benny said. "I'll just have the butter, that's all."

When the waiter arrived with the check, Burns pointed to Benny and said, "He's paying."

"What?" Benny said. "Why should I have to pay the whole bill?"

"Because if you don't," Burns said, "I'll tell Mary about the butter."

SHIP SHAPE

My daughter, Michelle, is the commander of a Coast Guard cutter. When she gave my husband, Bob, a tour of her ship, he was impressed with the neatness of all decks. However, when Michelle brought Bob to her house, he couldn't believe the disorganization.

"Why is everything in its place on your ship," he asked, "but your house is such a mess?"

Michelle replied, "My house doesn't take 30-degree rolls."

On a recent flight, an elderly passenger kept peering out the window. Since it was totally dark, all she could see was the blinking wing-tip light. Finally, she rang for the flight attendant. "I'm sorry to bother you," she said, "but I think you should inform the pilot that his left-turn indicator is on and has been for some time."

Not sure if I should be more concerned about the son who locked me out of my bedroom today or the one who showed me how to pick the lock.

FLIGHT DELAY

Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," he explained. "It took us awhile to find a new pilot."

A news radio anchor on how quickly the temperature dropped in NYC Tuesday: "Someone said, 'The temperature fell from 90 to 55 so quickly, it was if it saw a state trooper.'"

ATHEIST'S PRAYER

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in Me!"

"Come on God, give me a break!!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

PRISON QUARTET

While I was preaching in a church in Mississippi, the pastor announced that their prison quartet would be singing the following evening. I wasn't aware there was a prison in the vicinity and I looked forward to hearing them. The next evening, I was puzzled when four members of the church approached the stage. Then the pastor introduced them. "This is our prison quartet," he said, "behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

SMART NAVIGATOR

The pilot was sitting in his seat and pulled out a .38 revolver. He placed it on top of the instrument panel, then asked the navigator, "Do you know what I use this for?"

The nav replied timidly, "No, what's it for?"

The pilot responded, "I use this on navigators who get me lost!"

The navigator proceeded to pull out a .45 and place it on his chart table.

The pilot asked, "What's that for?"

"To be honest sir," the nav replied, "I'll know we're lost before you will."

DEFINITION: A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain.--Mark Twain

PET NAMES

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms-- Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

As I get older, I think of all the people I've lost along the way. Maybe, being a tour guide wasn't the best career choice for me.

IMPRESSING THE RANKS

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

"Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, ... "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

Every teenager should get a high school education, even if they already know everything.

CURED CHAUVINIST

Mary was married to a male chauvinist. They both worked full time, but he never did anything around the house and certainly not any housework. That, he declared, was woman's work! But one evening Mary arrived home from work to find the children bathed, a load of wash in the washing machine and another in the dryer, dinner on the stove and a beautifully set table, complete with flowers. She was astonished, and she immediately wanted to know what was going on.

It turned out that Charley, her husband, had read a magazine article that suggested working wives would be more romantically inclined if they weren't so tired from having to do all the housework, in addition to holding down a full-time job.

The next day, she couldn't wait to tell her girlfriends at the office. "How did it work out?" they asked. Mary said. "Charley even cleaned up, helped the kids with their homework, folded the laundry and put everything away. I really enjoyed my evening."

"But what about afterward?" her friends wanted to know. "It didn't work out," Mary said. "Charley was too tired."

MARRIAGE SECRET

A couple had been married for 45 years and had raised a brood of 11 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren.

When asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replies, "Many years ago we made a promise to each other: the first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids."

PROBLEM WITH SAND TRAPS

An Octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local Country Club. He went to the Club for the first time to play but was told there wasn't anybody he could play with because they were already out on the course.

He repeated several times that he really wanted to play. Finally the Assistant Pro said he would play with him and would give him a 12-stroke handicap. The 80-year-old said, "I really don't need a handicap as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of sand traps." And he did play well.

Coming onto the 18th the old man had a long drive, but it landed in one of the sand traps around the hole. Shooting from the sand trap he hit a very high ball which landed on the green and rolled into the hole!

The Pro walked over to the sand trap where his opponent was still standing. He said "Nice shot, but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps?"

Replied the Octogenarian, "I do! Please give me a hand."

"We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don't like?"--Jean Cocteau

AND THE WINNER OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH . . .

GUINEA PIG

A troop of Boy Scouts was being used as "guinea pigs" in a test of emergency systems. A mock earthquake was staged, and the Scouts impersonated wounded persons who were to be picked up and cared for by the emergency units. One Scout was supposed to lie on the ground and await his rescuers, but the first-aid people got behind schedule, and the Scout lay "wounded" for several hours.

When the first-aid squad arrived where the casualty was supposed to be, they found nothing but a brief note: "Have bled to death and gone home..."

The Lord moves in mysterious ways. But you don’t have to—use your turn signals.

NO REFLECTION

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the church goer. " Ever since he was a child, Ralph has been walking in his sleep."

READING A BOOK

A couple went on vacation to a fishing resort up north. The husband liked to fish at the crack of dawn. The wife liked to read. One morning the husband returned after several hours of fishing and decided to take a short nap. Although she wasn't familiar with the lake, the wife decided to take the boat. She rowed out a short distance, anchored, and returned to reading her book.

Along came the sheriff in his boat. He pulled up alongside her and said, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading my book," she replied...as she thought to herself, "isn't it obvious?"

"You're in a restricted fishing area," he informed her.

"Officer, I'm not fishing. Can't you see that?"

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with rape," snapped the irate woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," groused the sheriff.

"Yes, that's true," she replied, "but you do have all the equipment."

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who knows how to read!

GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY

On July 20, 1969, as commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to Earth and heard by millions.

But just before he reentered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark: "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky." Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.

Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong.

This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

In 1938 when he was a kid in a small Midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by the bedroom windows.

His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

Sign in the front yard of a funeral home: "Drive carefully, we'll wait."

MOST WANTED

Little Billy's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station.

While there, they saw pictures tacked to a big bulletin board. The label clearly read, "The 10 Most Wanted."

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman, "the detectives want him very badly."

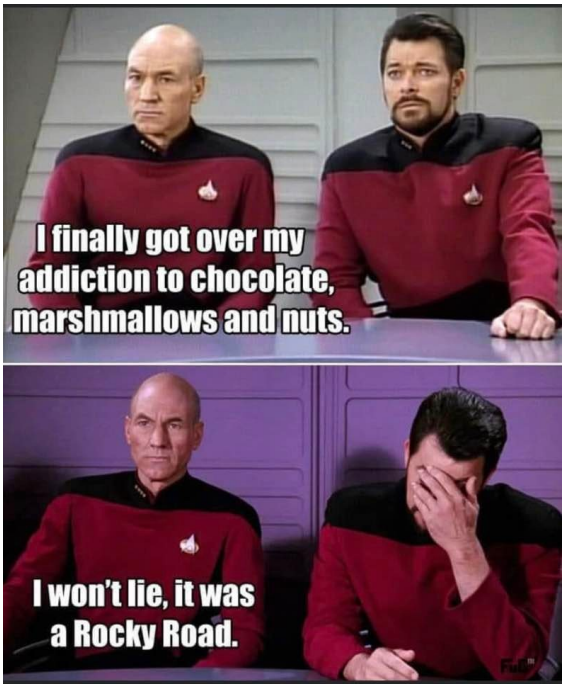
So Little Billy asked, "Um, mister, why didn't you keep them when you took their pictures?"

CORONER'S TESTIMONY

In a murder trial, the defense attorney was cross-examining a pathologist. Here's what happened:

Attorney: Before you signed the death certificate, had you taken the pulse?

Coroner: No.
Attorney: Did you listen to the heart?
Coroner: No.
Attorney: Did you check for breathing?
Coroner: No.
Attorney: So, when you signed the death certificate, you weren't sure the man was dead, were you?
Coroner: Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk. But I guess it's possible he could be out there practicing law somewhere.



I LOVE YOU SO MUCH

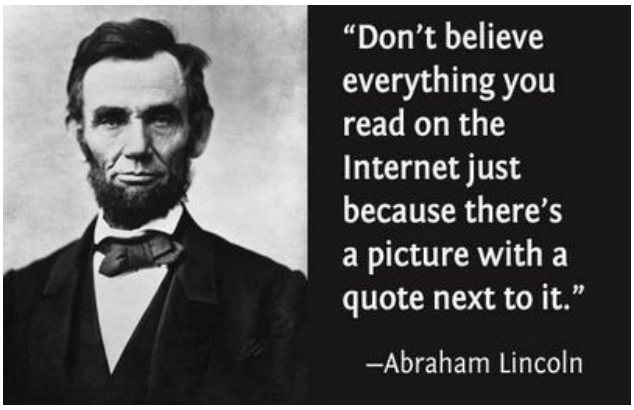
When our second child was on the way, my wife and I attended a pre-birth class aimed at couples who had already had at least one child. The instructor raised the issue of breaking the news to the older child. It went like this: "Some parents," she said, "tell the older child, 'We love you so much we decided to bring another child into this family.' But think about that. Ladies, what if your husband came home one day and said, 'Honey, I love you so much I decided to bring home another wife.'"

One of the women spoke up immediately. "Does she cook???"

SERIOUS MEDICATION

A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office. Was it true, the woman wanted to know, that the medication the doctor had prescribed was to be taken for the rest of her life? She was told that it was.

There was a moment of silence before the woman continued, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is. This prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS!'"



CLOSE CALL

As a Delta Air Lines jet was flying over Arizona on a clear day, the co-pilot was providing his passengers with a running commentary about landmarks over the PA system.

"Coming up on the right, you can see the Meteor Crater, which is a major tourist attraction in northern Arizona. It was formed when a lump of nickel and iron, roughly 150 feet in diameter and weighing 300,000 tons, struck the earth at about 40,000 miles an hour, scattering white-hot debris for miles in every direction. The hole measures nearly a mile across and is 570 feet deep."

From the cabin, a passenger was heard to exclaim, "Wow! It just missed the highway!"

ROUGH LANDING

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, give a smile, and a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off

except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no Ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

DON'T BE MAD

Late one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy, grumpy voice, I said, "Hello." The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech.

"Mom, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theater. Please don't be mad, okay?"

Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had misdialed. "I'm sorry, dear, "I replied, "but I have to tell you you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan. In fact, I don't have any daughter at all."

A pause.

"Gosh, Mom," came the young woman's quavering voice, "I didn't think you'd be this mad."

HIS FAVORITE COOKIES

An elderly man was at home, dying in bed. He smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies baking. He wanted one last cookie before he died. He fell out of bed, crawled to the landing, rolled down the stairs, and crawled into the kitchen where his wife was busily baking cookies. With

waning strength he crawled to the table and was just barely able to lift his withered arm to the cookie sheet.

As he grasped a warm, moist, chocolate chip cookie, his favorite kind, his wife suddenly whacked his hand with a spatula.

"Why?" he whispered. "Why did you do that?"

"They're for the funeral!"

“YOU MAD BABE?”
“NO.”
“LET’S SEE A SMILE THEN.”

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR A PASTOR

Good News: The Board of Elders accepted your job description the way you wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it that they also formed a search committee to find somebody capable of filling the position.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.

Bad News: Those were the weeks you were on vacation.

It’s the funniest thing: I can’t remember when I got absent minded.

I took my daughter Allison to the doctor for her 2-year-old check. They had her do coordination tests, like stacking blocks, and they watch and see if they walk properly. And then the doctor said, "Allison, can you stand on one foot for me?" And she walked over and stood on his foot.

WHY DALMATIANS

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND. THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.
MY PARENTS CAN BE SO RUDE.

COMPETITION FOR THE DARWIN AWARDS

Seems that a year ago, some Boeing employees on the field decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plant and home. When they took it for a float on the Stilliguamish River, they were quite surprised by a Coast Guard helicopter homing in on the emergency locator that is activated when the raft is inflated. They are no longer employed there.

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." -- Robert A. Heinlein

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS' HUMOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE TAKEOFF:

"As we prepare for takeoff, please make sure your tray tables and seat backs are fully upright in their most uncomfortable position."

"Your seat cushions can be used for floatation, and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."

"We do feature a smoking section on this flight; if you must smoke, contact a member of the flight crew and we will escort you to the wing of the airplane."

AND AFTER ROUGH LANDINGS

"We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

"Sorry folks for the hard landing. It wasn't the pilot's fault, and it wasn't the plane's fault. It was the asphalt."

"Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

GOOGLED "WORST IDEA EVER. . ."

HOW TO TEST WINDSHIELDS

Sometimes it DOES take a Rocket Scientist:

Scientists at NASA have developed a gun built specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the

frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high-speed trains. Arrangements were made. But when the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, crashed through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cab.

Horrified Britons sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield, and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions.

NASA's response was just one sentence, "Thaw the chicken."

TWO RIGHTS

A linguistics professor was lecturing to his class one day.

"In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages though, such a Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However," he pointed out, "there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah. Right."

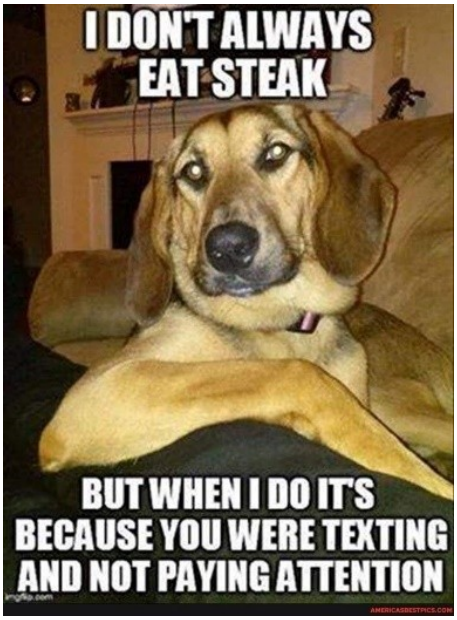
Pay attention to your enemies, for they are the first to discover your mistakes. – Antisthenes

WHALE FOOD

At Sea World, our grandson absolutely refused to see the show featuring Shamu the killer whale, but he wouldn't tell us why. No amount of discussion could get him to change his mind. Later, when we got home, we discovered the reason for his reluctance.

An aunt had told him how exciting the show would be because "They choose children from the audience to feed Shamu."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE: "If the enemy is in range, so are you."--Infantry Journal



FISHING TRIP TROUBLE

A friend, driving home from a fishing trip in northern Michigan with his boat in tow, had engine trouble a few miles inland from Lake Huron. He didn't have a CB radio in his car. So, he decided to use his marine radio to get help. Climbing into his boat, he broadcast his call letters and asked for assistance.

A Coast Guard officer responded, "Please give your location."

"I'm on Interstate-75, two miles south of Standish."

The officer paused, "Could you repeat that?"

"I-75, two miles south of Standish."

After a longer pause, an incredulous voice asked, "How fast were you going when you hit shore?"

APPROACHING FORT STEWART

Our son, who's in the Army stationed in Georgia, invited my husband and me for a visit. After driving endlessly through unfamiliar streets in search of an entrance to Fort Stewart, my husband suddenly said, "We're getting closer."

"How do you know?" I asked.

He pointed to a sign that read, "Sonny's Bar & Grill -- Tank Parking Available."

The cost of living keeps going up, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.